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## ABSTRACT

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Basic experimental data are presented for four tests performed on a full-scale steel-frame building: (1) Static unloading test, involving strain-gage measurements on structural members loaded by the vertical dead weight of the structure, (2) Strain-gage measurements of temperature-induced strains during a 24-hour period, (3) Strain-gage measurement of static strains caused by a lateral force applied by a cable, and (4) Dynamic resonance tests in which the structure was excited laterally by sinusoidal force generators. In connection with the interpretation of these experiments, measurements were also made of ground and structure vibrations caused by an adjacent power generation plant.



## INTRODUCTION

The possibility of testing the Blair High School Gymnasium, Pasadena, California, was first suggested to Caltech by the design engineer, Paul Winter of Neptune & Thomas and Associates. Since the gymnasium roof was being constructed in a stress-free condition and the application of the dead load to the structure would produce stresses in the structural members of 60% or more of the total design load, Professors D. E. Hudson and C. W. McCormick, Jr. agreed that the structure and test opportunity was unique enough to justify an experimental investigation. It was decided that Caltech would undertake an experimental and theoretical analysis of the stresses in the members caused by the dead weight of the structure and that a dynamic study of the structure would also be made.

The number of strain gage locations desired to give a good representative view of the member stresses quickly grew in magnitude beyond the capability of the Caltech personnel and equipment to handle under the time limitation. It was seen that this project might be appropriate for application of an automatic strain-recording system coupled with a digital readout which could be used for rapid computer processing of the data. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory had used just such a system for their experimental studies of spacecraft structures. It was learned that JPL and NASA were interested in this project as a potentially valuable demonstration of the contribution which space-oriented research could make to modern engineering technology. It was decided that Caltech would provide the overall technical supervision of the project and that Caltech and JPL would take independent strain readings. This provided a cross-

check on the two different reading and data-reducing systems.

The automatic data-recording system used by JPL provided an ideal way to extend the experimental investigation from the dead load-stress study to a twenty-four hour time-temperature-stress study of the gymnasium roof. As an additional check on structural properties, a horizontal static load experiment with a maximum horizontal force of 10,000 pounds was made. It was felt that this study would also provide a connection between the member stresses and the dynamic response of the structure.

Experimental dynamic studies were also performed on the structure. The dynamic force was generated by one of the force generators developed at Caltech and owned by the State of California, Division of Architecture. The force generator was mounted three feet below the roof on the centerline of the structure. The motion of the structure was measured with accelerometers.

The present report is concerned primarily with the presentation of the data without analysis and interpretation. The instrumentation used in the experiments is described and the main features and details of the structure itself are also presented. The raw data from the dead load experiment, the time-temperature experiment, and the horizontal static load experiment are presented in engineering units. Further data treatment such as compensating for temperature effects have not been made at this time, since this will be a part of the final data analysis computer program. The dynamic data are presented as plotted frequency response curves of the structure.

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We are much indebted to the staff of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for their great effort in carrying out the test work under pressure of a very restricted time schedule. The idea of the cooperative program grew out of discussions with Dr. S. J. Slomich and Dr. A. R. Hibbs. Operational aspects were carried out under the direction of C. M. Berdahl and K. C. Sutherland. The interest and assistance of the Director of the Laboratory, Dr. W. H. Pickering, and of the Assistant to the Director, Dr. B. P. Huber, is much appreciated.

The cooperation of the structural design engineer, Paul Winter of Neptune & Thomas and Associates, Harry Bozwell, job superintendent of the S. Patti Construction Company, general contractor, and of the Western Iron and Metal Company, structural steel subcontractor is sincerely appreciated. Thanks are also extended to the Pasadena School Board for the opportunity to test this structure.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE STRUCTURE

The gymnasium roof plan consists of four connecting circular arcs, with a major dimension of 151 feet and a minor dimension of 119 feet. The roof itself consists of ridge and valley steel plate members connected with

sheet metal decking. This folded plate roof spans from the exterior pipe columns to a center truss. This center truss area is supported by the roof and is divided into three levels which house the ventilation system for the gymnasium. Figure 1 shows a plan of the roof with the ridge and valley lines numbered to assist in describing the location of the strain gages used in this study. The numbers on the roof indicate the locations of strain gages mounted on the metal decking. Figure 2 gives a composite cross section of the gymnasium. The structural members are identified with the exceptions of the sheet gage of the metal deck and the members of the center truss. The area within the center truss consisting of three floors will be called the equipment room for the purposes of this report.

Figure 3 is a photograph of the connection at the equipment room of the roof ridge member before final welding was accomplished. The photograph in Figure 4 shows the roof valley member connection to the equipment room. Note the concrete slab in the equipment room at the valley member connection level. Also the metal deck used to connect the ridge and valley members can be seen in Figures 3 and 4. A view of the gymnasium from the north is given in Figure 5. The exterior walls have been covered with a paper lath supported by metal channels preparatory to plastering.

The gymnasium roof was constructed in a stress-free condition with the total dead load to be applied to the structure after completion of the structural frame. The concrete floor slab directly below the equipment room was placed before roof construction began. This concrete floor formed the base of the falsework on which the equipment room was constructed in place. The ridge and valley members also were supported along their lengths until the metal deck was placed and the entire structure welded.







Figure 3. Connection at equipment room.



Figure 4.      Roof valley member connection  
                         to equipment room.



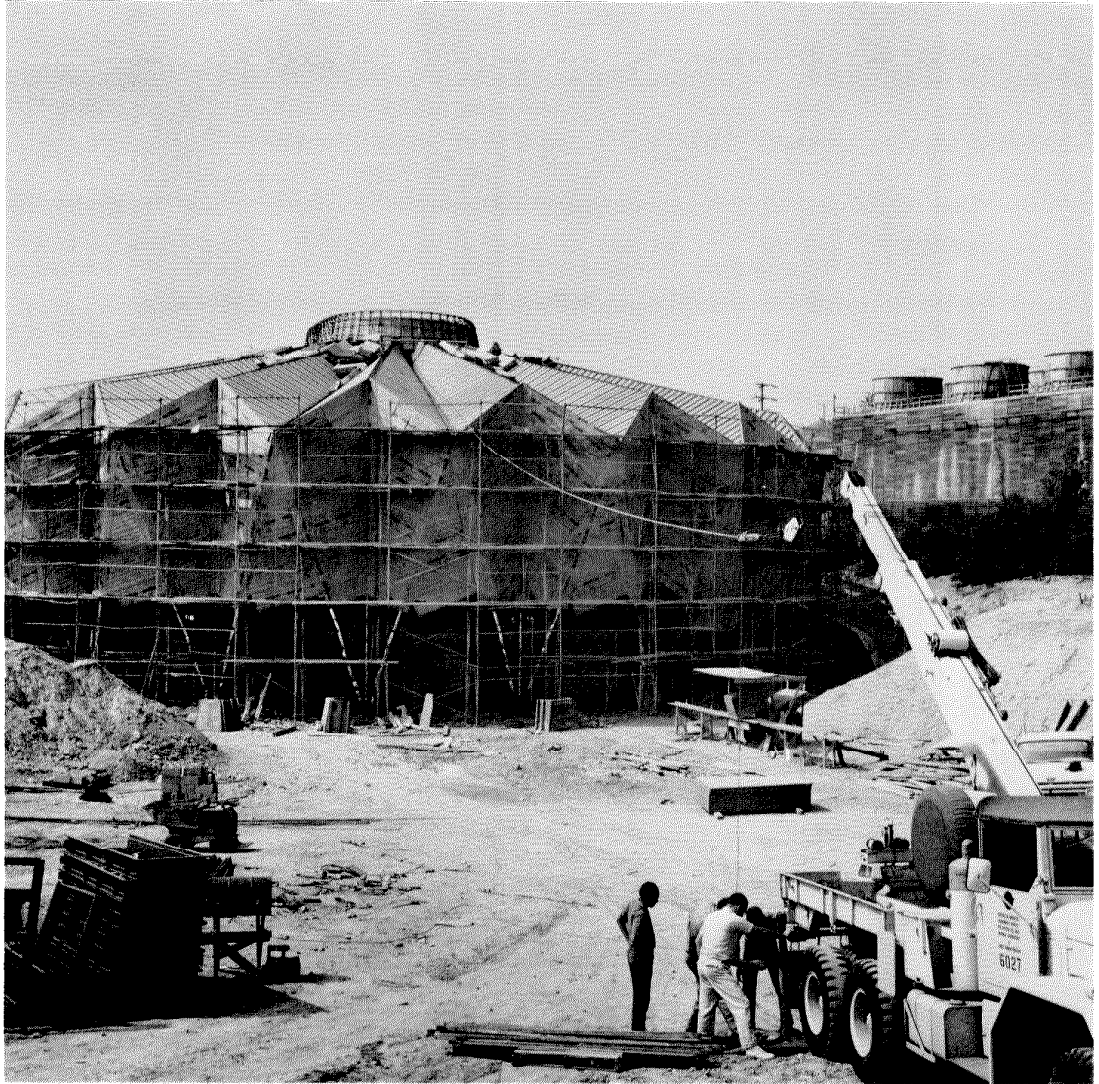


Figure 5. General view of gymnasium.



Figure 6.      Roof structure.

At the completion of the roof structure all falsework were removed except those supporting the circumference of the equipment room. Figure 6 shows this stage of construction looking up at the equipment room from the concrete floor. The remaining sections of the concrete floor were placed to provide anchorage for the steel reinforcing bars used to resist horizontal motion of the column bases. A light-weight concrete slab was placed at the intermediate floor of the equipment room. During the last stages of the construction outlined above, strain gages were mounted by Caltech and JPL personnel so that when the contractor was ready to remove the roof support, the strain gages would be operational.

## STATIC INVESTIGATIONS

### A. Instrumentation

1. JPL System. Since the heart of this instrumentation system is the JPL developed automatic recorder whose output can be fed directly into a digital computer, this equipment will be briefly discussed in the present report. Full details are available in a JPL publication.

Each sensor (strain gage, transducer, or load cell), its cabling, and its balancing or bridge circuit comprise one channel. The total system consists of 4 banks of 50 channels each with two channels in each bank reserved for calibration data. Therefore, there are 48 data channels available in each bank. If all 4 banks are used (parallel operation), a maximum of 192 data channels would be available and could be connected to a single tape punch.

Each 50-channel bank contains balancing circuits, Speed-O-Max chart and voltmeter, and tape punch. During a scan of the channels, they are connected one by one to the voltmeter whose voltage is plotted by the Speed-O-Max and punched on paper tape. Since a maximum of two seconds

is required to drive the voltmeter to a reading, a scan is made in 100 seconds. Six identification numbers are punched on the tape immediately preceding a data scan. This provides an identification of the data scan relative to date, time, scan code, and other necessary information.

Since only one bank was used for this investigation, the following discussion will be limited to one bank of 50 channels. Channels 1 and 2 were used to give the zero voltage and excitation voltage of the bank respectively. Thus, any drift of the system can be detected and later corrected digitally. In addition to the initial no-load gage reading scan and the actual data reading scans, two scans are needed to establish the necessary calibration and computation values for each channel. The former scan is made with a known resistance shunted across a known resistance leg of the balance bridge. The other scan is a manually punched scan which utilizes (for strain gages) the previous change in resistance calibration, and the gage factor of the active gage to convert the recorded output to convenient engineering units. The units used here are micro-inches per inch for the strain, pounds for the applied force, and degrees Fahrenheit for the temperature.

The single element strain gages installed by JPL were of the type FABW-25-12-S6 which were spot welded to the prepared metal surface of the structure. A slight difficulty in maintaining a resistance of 1000 Megohms or greater between the gage and ground was encountered with the weldable gages. It was suspected that the soldering flux residue left after installing the leads between the gage and the terminal strip was the culprit. Rosette gages of two types were placed on the sheet metal decking with an epoxy cement, EPY 150. The two types were FAR-50-12-45-S6 mounted by Caltech and C6-121-R3A mounted by JPL. One FABW-25-12-S6 and one FA-S0-12-S6

were attached by welding and EPY 150 respectively, to a laboratory beam to check the gage factors and operating characteristics of the two different gages. This beam was placed next to column (13) and was monitored throughout the entire test sequence.

It should be noted that these strain gages are self-temperature compensating to within a tolerance of  $\pm 1$  micro-inch per inch per degree Fahrenheit when mounted on mild steel.

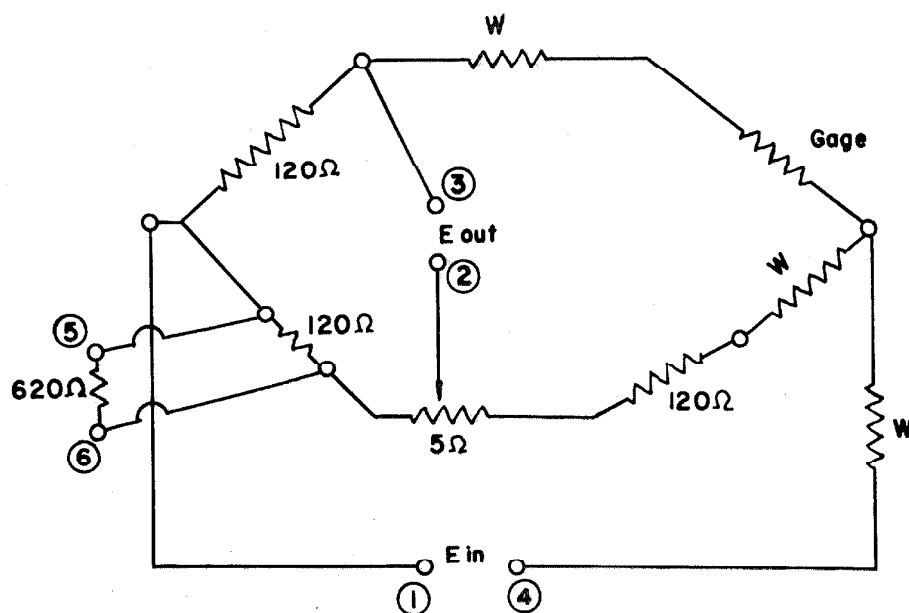
Each strain gage was connected with three lead wires (see Fig. 7) to minimize the lead wire effects. Approximately 100-foot lengths of six-conductor 26-gage copper wire were used between the strain gages and the completion boxes located in the instrument trailer. The loop resistance of the wire was about 8 ohms. The other three legs of the balance bridge were in the completion box with a variable resistor providing a coarse balance of the bridge.

Each completion box unit was connected to one channel of the automatic recording system with a six-conductor cable as indicated in Fig. 7. The fine balance of the bridge circuit was made with this unit. One D. C. amplifier was used to excite four bridges.

The thermocouple connections used for temperature measurements terminated in slightly different completion boxes before connecting into the automatic recording system.

In the case of the Alinco  $\pm 10,000$ -pound capacity load cell used for the horizontal static load test, there was a direct connection between the load cell and the automatic recording system. Calibration of the load cell was identical to that of the strain gage bridge.

The paper tape with the six identification words per scan, the three preliminary calibration scans, and the data scans are transferred from



**W = lead wire resistance**

**①... = wires leading to the recording system**

**⑤⑥ = provide calibration shunt connection**

Fig. 7. JPL completion box circuit.

paper tape to magnetic tape which is read into an IBM 7094 digital computer. The computer converts the raw data into engineering units data and can rework the data in any prescribed manner. The data presented here will be the raw data converted to engineering units.

2. Caltech System. The strain gages installed and monitored by Caltech were type FA-50-12-S6. The active gages and the corresponding dummy gages were mounted with either EPY 150 or Eastman 910 cement. The dummy gage was from the same lot as the corresponding active gage and it was mounted on a small piece of steel which was spot-cemented to the structure in the proximity of the active gage.

The active and dummy gages were connected on adjoining legs of a balanced bridge switch box with approximately ten feet of six-conductor 26-gage copper wire. The switch box had a capacity of 20 channels of which only 12 were used in this investigation. Figure 8 shows the circuit diagram of the switch box and the 1000 to 1 voltage reduction for the battery voltage read-out in millivolts. A polarity switch was also provided on this switching unit so that all voltages could be read as positive. The voltages were read and recorded manually from a 10mv full-scale Speed-O-Max voltmeter unit. The power supply was a nickel cadmium battery whose voltage was read at the beginning and end of each data scan.

Since the switch box did not contain a variable resistor, a completely balanced bridge circuit did not exist for the no-load condition of the strain gage. Therefore, the initial readings of voltage output divided by voltage supplied had to be subtracted from the test readings to give effective strains.

Two gages were laboratory mounted to opposite sides of a cantilever beam with one gage mounted with EPY 150 and the other gage with

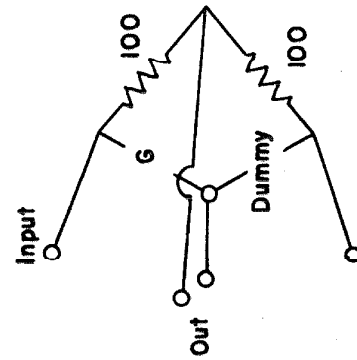
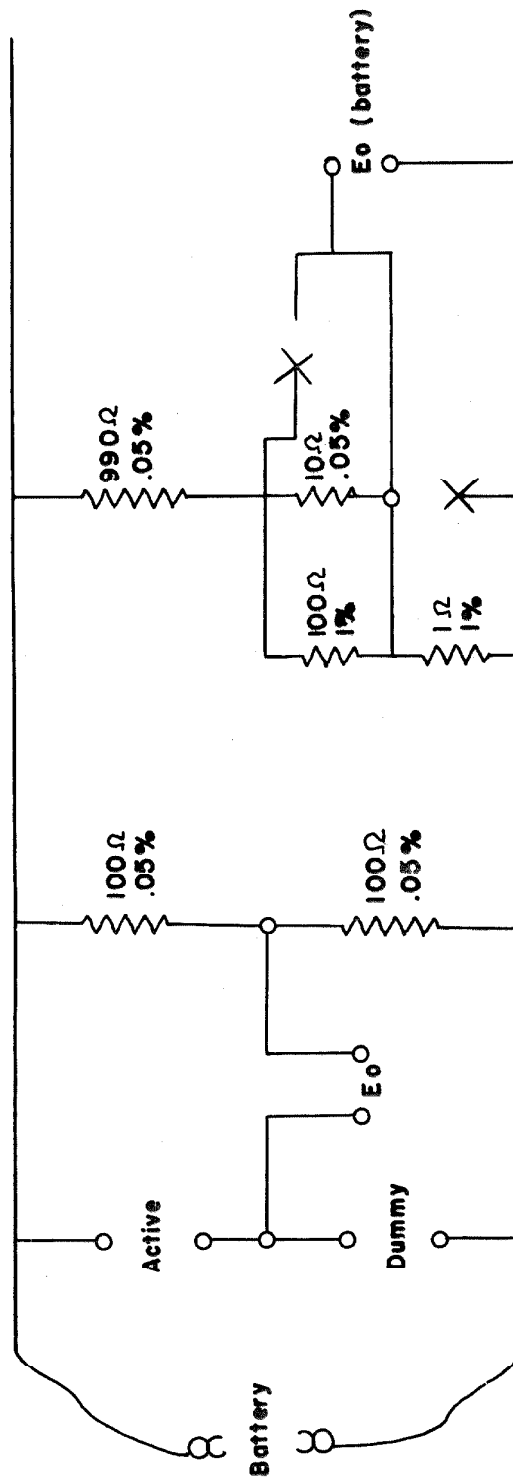


Fig. 8. Caltech switch box circuit.



Eastman 910 cement. These gages were applied under the same conditions and by the same techniques as the field gages. The purposes of the laboratory tests of this beam were to check the reliability of the instrumentation, gages, and cement and to determine the installation's effect on the gage factor given by the manufacturer. The results of the laboratory tests of one gage mounted with each type of cement follow:

For the gage mounted with Eastman 910 cement, the strain measured under a given loading condition was 347 micro-inches per inch in compression and 337 micro-inches per inch in tension. For the gage mounted with EPY 150 the measured tension strain for the same loading condition was 370 micro-inches per inch. The maximum range of the strain readings was  $\pm 5$  micro-inches per inch which corresponds to the expected reading error associated with the equipment. The theoretical strain in the cantilever beam for an assumed modulus of elasticity of  $29 \times 10^6$  psi is 354 micro-inches per inch. These laboratory tests indicate that the measured strain should be accurate within  $\pm 5\%$ .

The tabulated output data will be given in this report in terms of micro-inches per inch. The equation used for this data reduction is

$$\epsilon = \frac{4000}{\text{g.f.}} \left[ \left( \frac{E_o}{V} \right)_{\text{data}} - \left( \frac{E_o}{V} \right)_{\text{initial}} \right]$$

where  $\epsilon$  is the strain in micro-inches per inch,  $\frac{E_o}{V}$  is the ratio of the output voltage to the excitation voltage times 1000, and "g.f." is the gage factor of the active and dummy gages. The change in strain for any change in loading condition can be determined by subtracting the strains at the two conditions.

3. Gage Location and Identification. All of the gages were mounted on the major structural members near the column to roof-member connections. The only exceptions to this were the rosette gages which were placed on the stress-carrying metal of the roof deck. Holes four inches in diameter were cut through the hat section of the metal deck to permit access to the top surface of the stress-carrying deck for rosette installation. These gages are located on the structure as indicated in Fig. 1, and the orientation and numbering details are given in Figs. 9 and 10. Figure 11 shows gages 40, 41 and 42 with the lead wires soldered to the terminal strips. A piece of tape was used to cover the hole in the hat section keeping direct sunlight from the gage installation.

The location of the single element gages are given in Figs. 9, 10 and 12 where the dashed lines are used to indicate gages placed on the "interior" side of the member. The column position numbers are related to Fig. 1. Typical gage installations are shown in Figs. 13 and 14. Note that the gage numbers in the photographs are not the same as the tabulated data.

Gages 3 through 35 inclusive were welded and gages 4T, 5T, 6T and 7T and one-half of laboratory beam were mounted with Eastman 910 cement. The remainder of the gages were mounted with EPY 150.

#### B. Roof Support Removal.

The roof fold members were supported along their length prior to and while the sheet metal decking was welded in place. After the decking was completely welded and the welds inspected, all the fold member supports were removed so that the concrete floor could be placed. It was important to have the concrete floor in place and partially cured before letting the structure carry its own weight because the bottom of

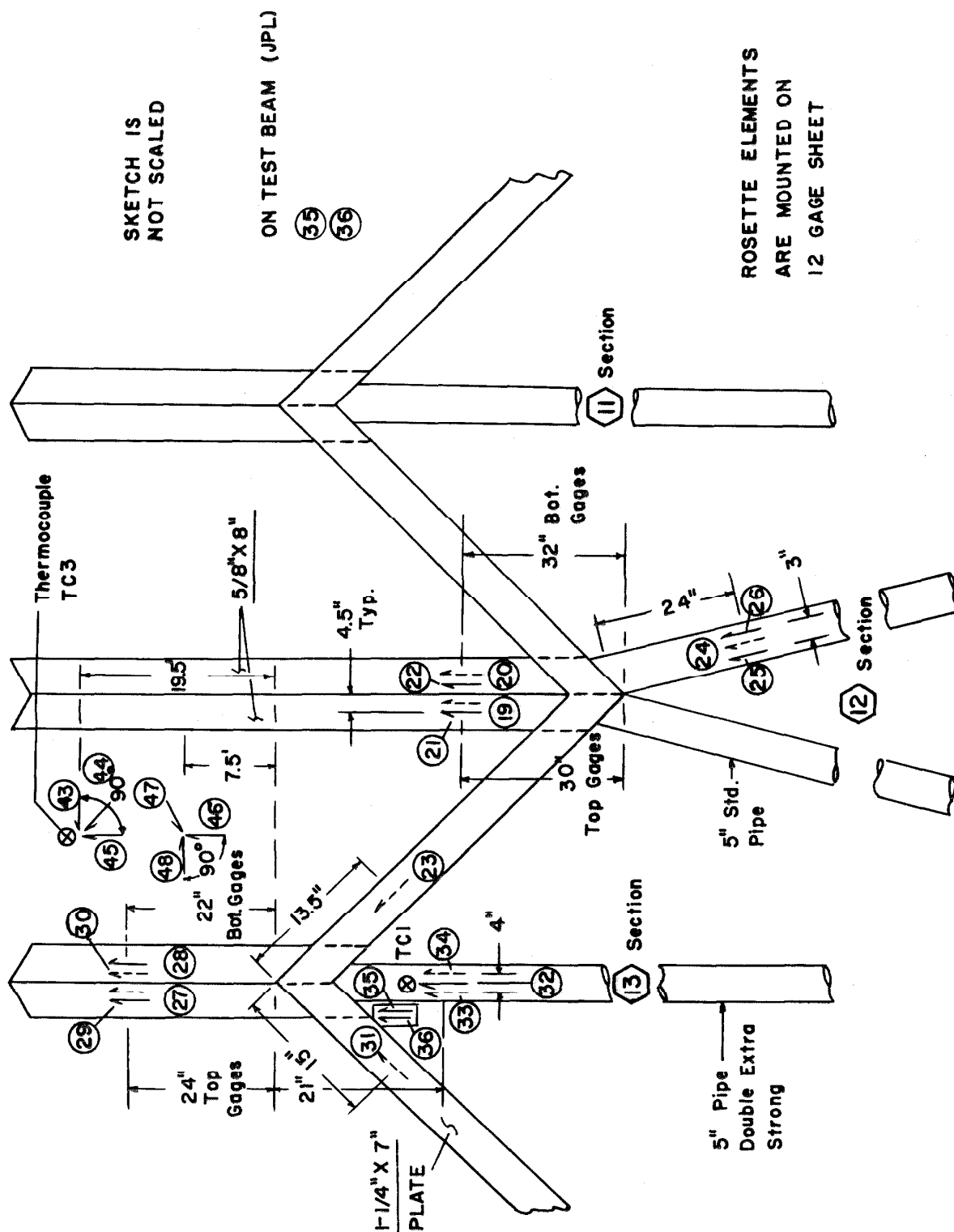


Fig. 9. Location of gages.

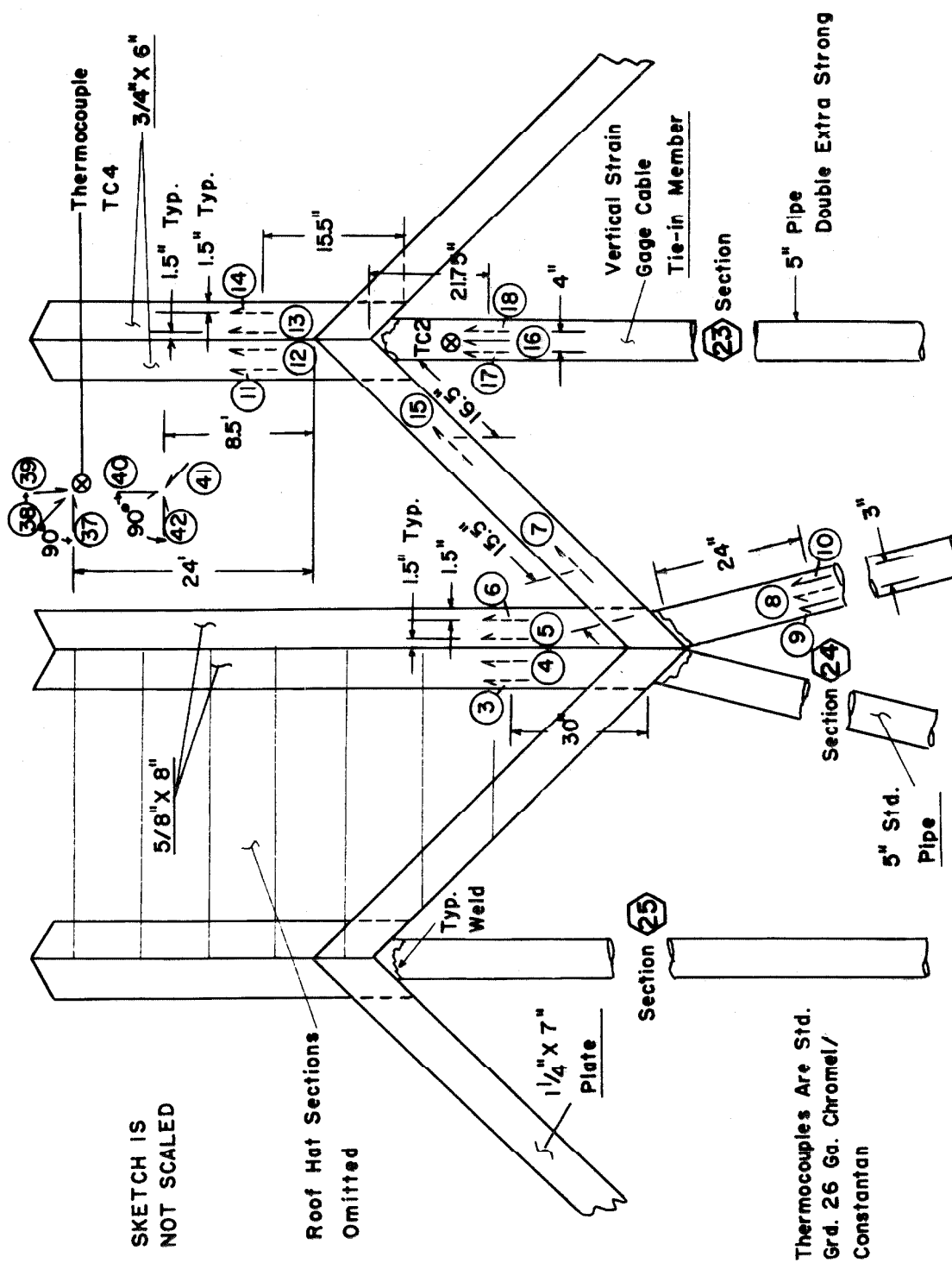


Fig. 10. Location of gages.

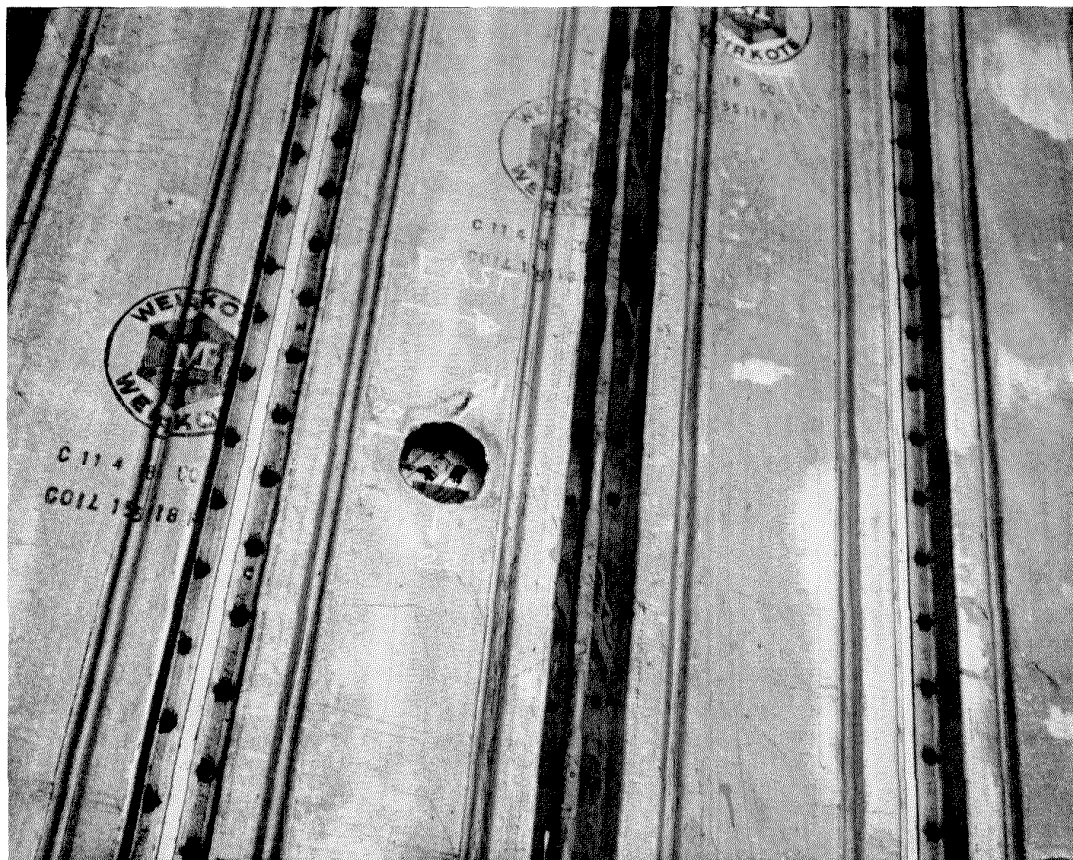
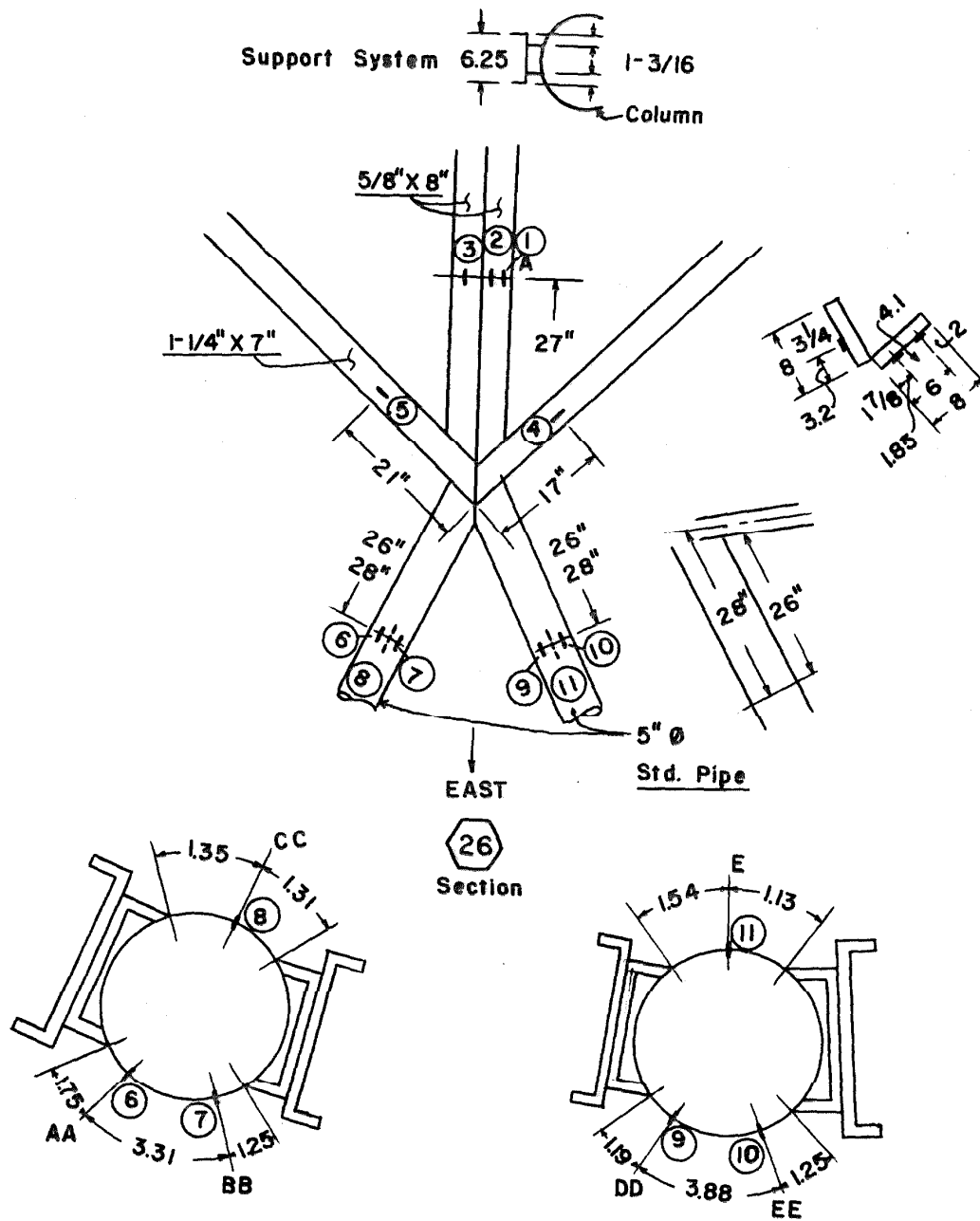


Figure 11. Typical gage locations.



Section Monitored by Caltech

Location: first valley south of east minor axis valley

All gage numbers should be followed by a 'T'

Fig. 12. Location of gages.

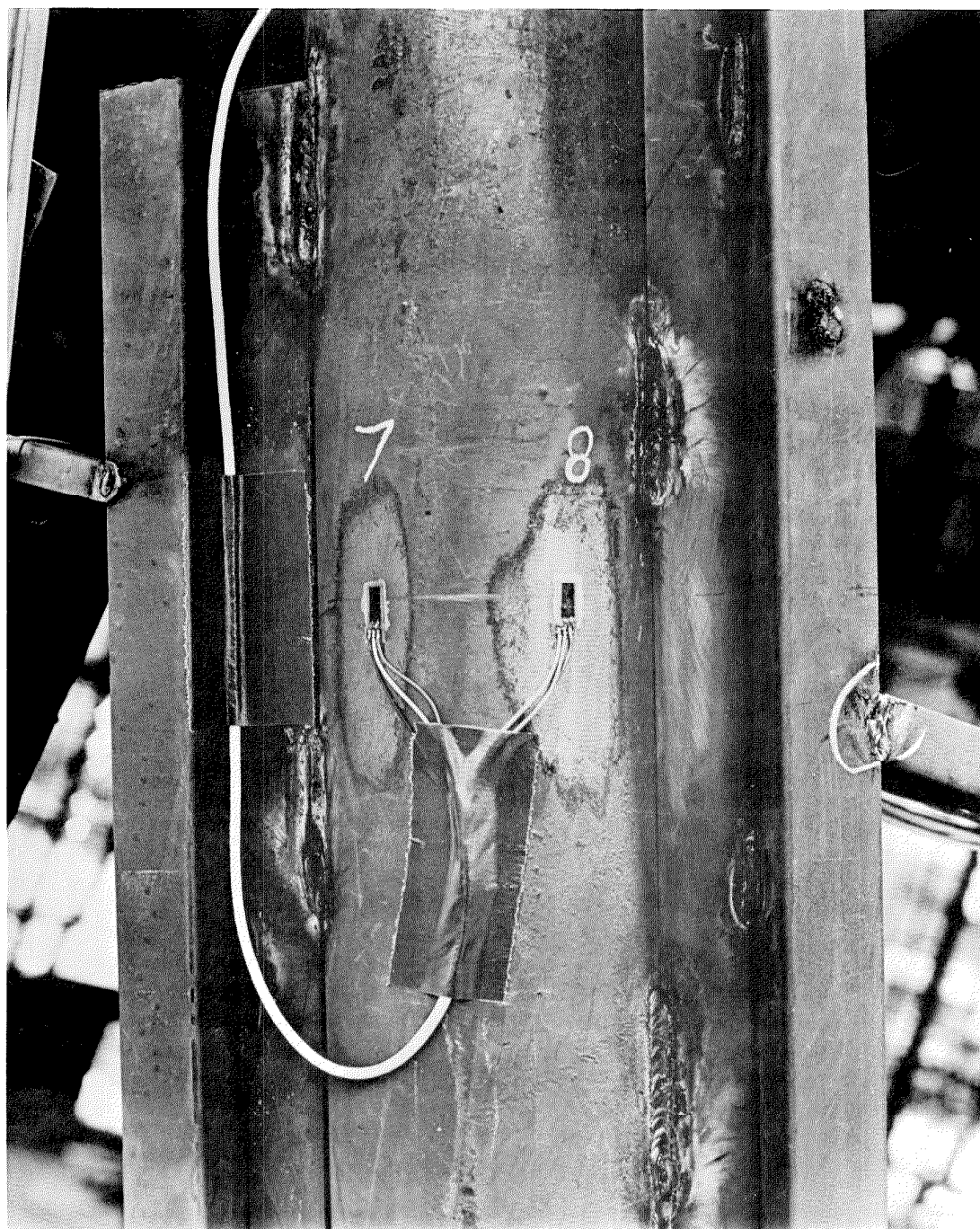


Figure 13. Typical gage installation.



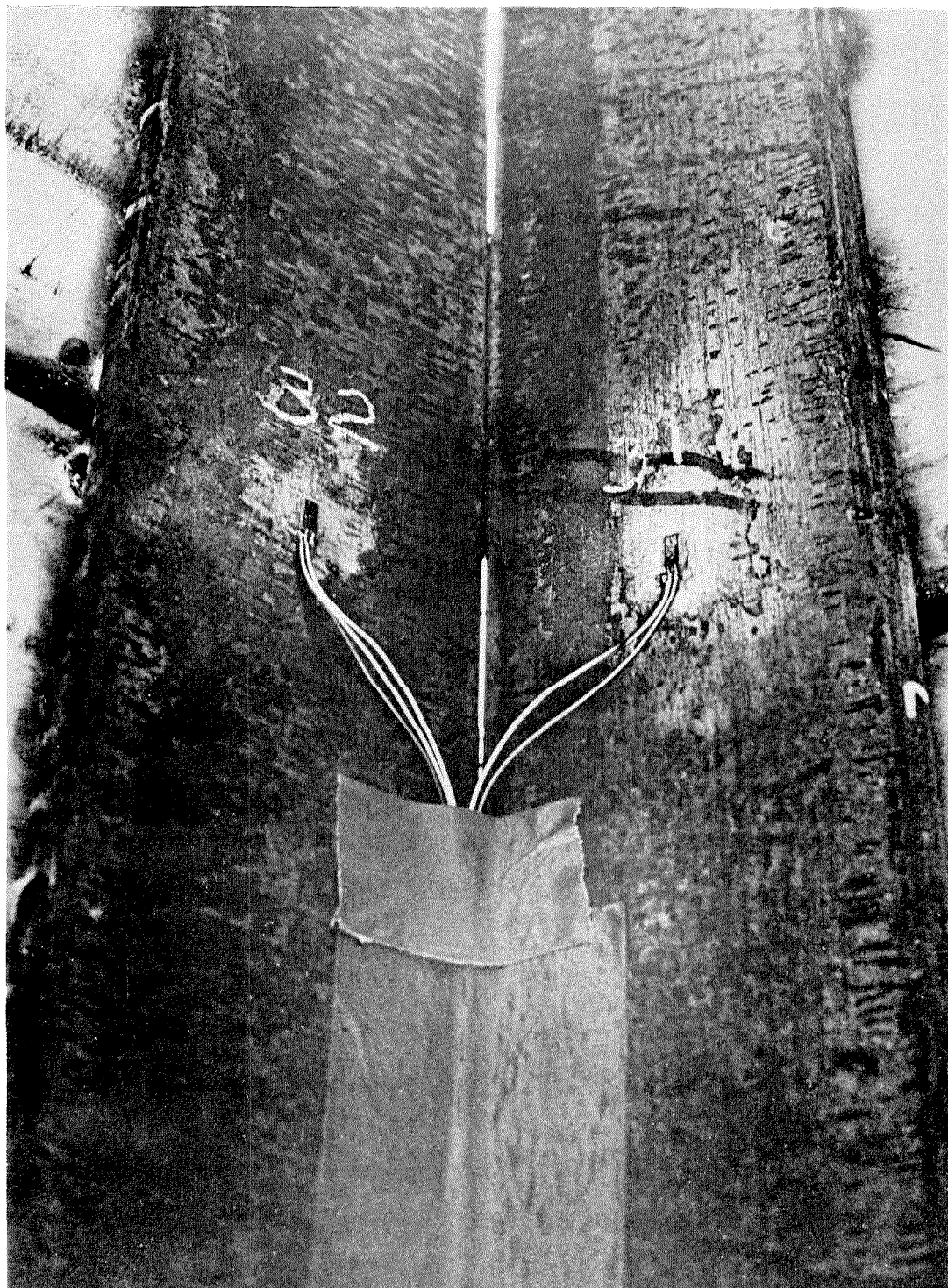


Figure 14. Typical gage installation.



the columns were tied into the concrete floor with 7/8-inch diameter reinforcing bars to resist all lateral forces at the base.

The lightweight concrete floor at the center level of the equipment room was in place and cured before the test. The ridge fold members were supported vertically on level steel ears but were free to move horizontally (Fig. 3). The valley members framing into the center level of the equipment room were bolted into their final position (Fig. 4). At the time of the roof support removal the roof was entirely self-supporting except for the original falsework supporting the roof around the outside ring at the bottom of the equipment room. Thus, the test could be thought of as applying a vertical line load to the structure at the outside ring of the equipment room.

The roof supports were removed during the morning of 14 June 1965. About 8 a.m. the contractor began loosening some of the intermediate roof supports at the top of the support. One steel tape suspended from each end of the principal axes of the equipment room was used by the contractor to make sure that the structure deflected uniformly. The contractor also had instructions to halt the support removal when the deflection reached three inches. In addition, a level rod was fixed at the top level of the equipment room near the centerline of the structure. This level rod was read by a fixed transit placed about 200 feet away.

The roof support system had threaded end pieces at both the top and bottom ends. The unloading procedure began by loosening all the bottom end pieces one turn in a random sequence. This procedure continued until each piece was rotated until it turned easily. This procedure was continued until the structure was free-standing with about 1/8-inch clearance between the structure and its former supports.

The deflection of the structure under its own weight was 1-1/4 inches measured both by the transit and as an average of the tape readings. The range of the four tape readings was 1-1/8 inch to 1-1/2 inch. During the morning the sky was moderately overcast with the sun breaking through infrequently for short intervals of time. It was observed that the effect of the sun shining on the structure for a short time caused the roof center to rise at least 1/4 inch. Also, about a 1/4-inch deflection decrease was observed when eight spectators left the roof after the unloading had been completed.

The results presented here are separated into two groups: those taken with the JPL instrumentation and those observed with the Caltech instrumentation. These two groups of results can be compared only at data-taking points near the same times. It should be mentioned here that three minutes were required to take a complete set of data with the Caltech equipment (12 channels) and two minutes with the JPL equipment (50 channels).

Table I presents the reduced data taken with the Caltech instrumentation. The identification of the data channels to specific strain gage locations can be made with Fig. 12. All data is presented in micro-inches per inch. Table II presents the data taken by JPL and the units are micro-inches per inch for the strain and degrees Fahrenheit for the temperatures. These gages may be located with Figs. 8 and 9.

### C. Temperature-Stress Investigation.

It was decided that a twenty-four hour check of the temperature stress variation of the structure would be of value. The automatic recording system is ideal for this type of test because only periodic checks

TABLE I  
CALTECH DATA - SUPPORT REMOVAL

Time	June 8	June 14											
	Afternoon	Morning before 8:45		8:45	8:50	8:55	9:00	9:05	9:10	9:15	9:20	9:25	
1T	- 84	- 2	6	2	- 26	- 28	- 30	- 38	- 39	- 51	- 53	- 64	- 73
2T	- 56	2	6	4	- 36	- 45	- 56	- 62	- 68	- 84	- 92	-107	-113
3T	-161	5	10	-111	-171	-182	-185	-199	-204	-220	-227	-240	-248
4T	-668	-10	- 25	- 27	- 14	- 42	- 44	- 52	- 58	- 68	- 69	- 77	- 81
5T	973	120	97	100	100	147	143	153	150	154	160	172	178
6T	-147	14	37	33	41	42	35	46	44	48	48	46	46
7T	-107	6	11	9	8	15	8	9	9	15	10	8	8
8T	368	13	21	25	50	64	62	75	75	93	93	104	108
9T	-148	-15	-210	-210	-193	-188	-184	-184	-176	-180	-172	-176	-165
10T	13	4	8	8	9	17	19	19	23	21	24	30	34
11T	- 4	- 9	- 17	- 17	11	17	28	34	41	51	62	71	81
12T		- 7	- 19	- 21	- 17	- 11	- 11	- 13	- 13	- 15	- 11	- 13	- 13

TABLE I (Continued)  
CALTECH DATA - SUPPORT REMOVAL

Time	June 14													
	9:30	9:35	9:40	9:45	9:50	9:55	10:00	10:06	10:10	10:15	10:25	10:37	10:56	11:02
1T	- 81	- 86	- 98	-101	- 98	-109	-111	-109	-111	-103	-103	-129	-111	-103
2T	-127	-142	-159	-170	-169	-182	-178	-180	-178	-182	-184	-188	-180	-182
3T	-259	-272	-294	-304	-300	-315	-315	-303	-303	-303	-315	-303	-311	-311
4T	- 91	-100	-108	-116	-128	-124	-124	-125	-125	-124	-118	- 97	-118	-120
5T	189	193	206	216	212	212	212	222	216	212	212	239	212	212
6T	48	54	58	62	68	66	62	64	58	62	62	33	62	62
7T	9	17	17	21	24	21	21	8	11	10	10	2	10	30
8T	120	133	147	156	162	160	154	158	158	156	160	152	174	174
9T	-161	-161	-158	-154	-152	-154	-154	-150	-143	-144	-150	-129	-148	-142
10T	38	41	41	45	51	49	49	49	49	51	51	49	52	49
11T	92	99	104	129	128	131	133	131	137	135	135	154	140	139
12T	- 15	- 17	- 11	- 13	- 17	- 13	- 15	- 17	- 15	- 15	- 13	- 6	- 9	- 15

TABLE II  
JPL DATA — SUPPORT REMOVAL

30.

Time	7:52	7:55	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:35	8:40	8:45	8:50	8:55	9:00	9:05	9:10	9:15
Gage No.														
3	- 7	- 7	-12	0	- 7	- 2	- 9	-16	-30	-32	-44	- 44	- 51	- 58
4	7	7	7	9	12	-12	-12	-25	-39	-44	-55	- 62	- 77	- 88
5	2	0	0	0	- 5	-25	-30	-46	-60	-62	-76	- 86	-104	-116
6	-16	-19	-23	-23	-40	-26	-40	-51	-60	-67	-79	- 81	- 91	-100
7	- 7	- 7	-12	0	- 5	25	-23	37	46	51	58	62	79	81
8	- 5	- 5	- 5	- 5	2	9	18	30	35	44	51	58	69	76
9	- 7	- 9	-19	-12	-16	0	0	5	5	7	5	5	9	9
10	5	5	7	9	12	9	14	21	25	30	32	32	37	39
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19	0	0	- 2	0	- 5	-11	-23	-43	-46	-59	-71	- 85	- 96	-101
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22	2	2	7	7	7	-11	-16	-28	-30	-39	-48	- 55	- 69	- 69
23	- 5	- 5	- 9	- 5	0	14	18	30	37	46	57	62	76	78
24	- 2	- 2	- 2	0	5	21	25	37	41	55	67	74	88	90
25	-12	-12	-19	-16	-19	2	- 2	- 2	2	0	- 2	0	7	5
26	2	2	2	5	9	7	9	14	16	16	18	16	21	23
27	2	0	2	7	25	5	30	41	50	59	71	73	87	92
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29	- 7	- 7	-16	- 7	- 7	19	16	19	25	28	35	39	53	56
30	2	0	2	5	16	18	27	37	44	50	59	62	73	78
31	- 2	- 2	- 5	- 5	- 2	9	14	28	34	39	50	53	64	69
32	- 2	- 2	- 7	- 5	- 5	-28	-14	-18	-21	-23	-28	- 32	- 35	- 37
33	-14	-14	-19	-16	-21	-14	-19	-37	-42	-51	-62	- 65	- 70	- 70
34	0	0	0	0	0	-14	-12	-16	-23	-25	-32	- 37	- 44	- 44
35	- 7	- 7	-14	- 5	- 5	7	7	0	5	5	0	0	5	5
36	4	6	8	15	23	19	25	30	30	32	34	36	38	40
37	-13	-13	-16	13	22	67	65	54	56	58	61	74	85	85
38	9	11	13	18	29	13	27	35	38	44	53	49	53	58
39	11	16	18	22	36	29	34	43	47	51	56	54	61	63
40	- 2	0	- 2	11	21	36	38	38	46	46	46	49	57	61
41	4	6	6	17	25	30	32	40	42	44	48	49	55	55
42	- 6	- 6	- 8	13	21	53	57	49	49	51	51	57	68	68
43	- 2	0	0	20	31	51	60	56	60	56	63	72	81	85
44	2	2	4	13	18	18	18	20	20	22	26	27	24	27
45	2	2	7	13	18	16	18	20	20	22	29	27	27	31
46	- 2	0	- 4	6	15	17	29	23	32	29	29	34	38	40
47	8	10	15	52	67	69	73	88	89	90	94	94	99	99
48	- 4	- 4	- 8	4	15	29	36	32	36	34	34	44	51	57
TC1	58			58		59			59		60		60	
TC2	60			60		61			63		63		63	
TC3		65	64		66		66	68		68		68		70
TC4		66	65		66		71	71		72		72		73

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## JPL DATA - SUPPORT REMOVAL

Time	9:20	9:25	9:30	9:35	9:40	9:45	9:50	9:55	10:00	10:05	10:10
Gage No.											
3	- 58	- 60	- 69	- 83	-102	-102	-100	-108	- 93	- 93	- 86
4	- 99	-111	-124	-136	-159	-173	-178	-173	-178	-173	-178
5	-125	-139	-152	-166	-190	-206	-211	-208	-213	-211	-218
6	-100	-104	-116	-132	-154	-151	-151	-163	-147	-149	-145
7	97	106	118	118	127	145	152	148	164	162	169
8	83	97	111	118	129	141	141	148	145	150	146
9	23	30	30	28	23	35	39	28	44	44	51
10	41	46	48	55	57	60	57	64	60	60	58
11	99	108	117	126	138	154	156	154	165	165	168
12	80	87	98	114	123	132	133	135	128	135	130
13	83	90	103	115	129	136	134	140	134	138	134
14	92	99	115	115	125	141	143	141	152	150	155
15	108	117	135	133	142	167	168	163	186	179	186
16	- 21	- 28	- 30	- 30	- 39	- 39	- 41	- 37	- 41	- 37	- 44
17	- 55	- 57	- 60	- 78	- 94	- 90	- 92	- 97	- 81	- 83	- 76
18	- 55	- 55	- 60	- 65	- 81	- 88	- 90	- 85	- 88	- 85	- 88
19	-119	-132	-146	-157	-178	-180	-190	-185	-185	-183	-188
20	-140	-154	-170	-184	-205	-211	-214	-216	-214	-214	-217
21	- 92	-103	-110	-131	-150	-149	-150	-152	-145	-145	-143
22	- 82	- 96	-110	-112	-128	-135	-135	-135	-140	-137	-145
23	94	106	119	126	134	149	147	147	150	152	152
24	106	115	129	137	150	159	157	157	164	166	166
25	19	21	25	14	12	23	21	21	28	28	37
26	23	27	27	32	32	34	32	34	30	34	30
27	105	114	123	135	149	155	155	158	158	162	163
28	115	123	133	139	149	158	160	160	163	165	168
29	72	81	95	85	93	109	106	109	116	113	123
30	85	94	101	114	124	128	128	128	128	128	126
31	83	92	99	112	122	131	129	131	129	133	136
32	- 37	- 46	- 46	- 51	- 58	- 55	- 58	- 55	- 55	- 53	- 53
33	- 74	- 79	- 79	- 99	-111	-106	-109	-109	-102	-102	- 97
34	- 53	- 57	- 67	- 67	- 78	- 80	- 83	- 83	- 83	- 78	- 85
35	12	14	18	7	5	14	9	14	16	16	23
36	40	44	44	50	51	53	55	57	57	59	57
37	99	112	132	96	94	123	132	130	164	153	171
38	60	62	64	75	82	82	82	84	80	82	80
39	63	65	63	78	83	80	78	85	78	85	81
40	67	74	78	74	72	80	82	84	93	97	108
41	61	65	72	69	70	76	80	82	86	86	91
42	78	91	105	80	72	95	103	101	129	122	135
43	94	107	110	98	101	118	128	123	143	139	153
44	24	26	27	33	33	33	33	35	35	38	35
45	31	31	33	38	38	40	38	42	42	47	40
46	46	52	57	46	44	57	59	59	67	67	80
47	88	100	102	109	107	109	107	108	109	113	107
48	61	71	76	63	61	78	84	80	95	93	105
TC1	61		62		62		62		63		64
TC2	64		64		64		65		66		66
TC3		71		73		73		73		75	
TC4		75		76		74		76		80	

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JPL DATA - SUPPORT REMOVAL

Time	10:15	10:20	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:40	11:45	11:48	11:54	12:00
Gage No.												
3	- 90	- 93	- 90	- 86	- 81	- 74	- 72	- 69	- 67	- 58	- 62	- 58
4	-171	-171	-171	-164	-164	-157	-154	-157	-154	-154	-154	-150
5	-211	-209	-208	-206	-208	-201	-201	-201	-201	-203	-201	-201
6	-149	-161	-156	-156	-156	-151	-151	-151	-151	-144	-153	-151
7	167	157	164	169	173	180	182	184	184	191	189	194
8	150	155	155	157	157	162	161	164	166	164	168	168
9	46	39	42	44	51	56	53	58	58	65	55	62
10	64	69	69	73	73	76	81	80	83	80	85	85
11	170	166	170	172	172	177	181	183	183	190	188	190
12	135	137	137	135	137	135	137	137	137	132	139	137
13	138	138	136	138	138	140	138	142	140	138	145	140
14	157	148	150	155	157	162	168	168	164	173	161	171
15	182	173	173	184	191	200	195	199	199	209	202	213
16	- 39	- 35	- 32	- 30	- 28	- 28	- 23	- 21	- 21	- 21	- 16	- 16
17	- 78	- 90	- 90	- 81	- 78	- 62	- 69	- 67	- 69	- 55	- 67	- 53
18	- 81	- 81	- 83	- 75	- 81	- 79	- 74	- 74	- 71	- 74	- 67	- 69
19	-183	-183	-181	-176	-176	-171	-169	-169	-169	-167	-164	-164
20	-215	-214	-215	-214	-214	-212	-214	-211	-211	-207	-209	-209
21	-143	-150	-145	-143	-138	-127	-129	-126	-126	-117	-124	-117
22	-140	-135	-133	-133	-131	-135	-126	-126	-124	-126	-126	-123
23	152	152	155	157	157	164	161	163	163	163	165	168
24	168	168	173	177	180	187	188	191	191	193	193	198
25	32	26	30	32	39	53	44	46	46	55	49	60
26	34	37	39	37	37	39	39	39	41	39	46	46
27	167	174	176	178	183	185	189	194	196	196	196	196
28	170	170	172	174	174	181	183	190	192	194	197	201
29	116	111	116	123	127	146	134	143	143	152	150	157
30	133	135	133	133	131	128	135	139	139	139	142	142
31	140	140	140	142	142	147	147	151	154	151	156	154
32	- 51	- 49	- 46	- 46	- 42	- 37	- 35	- 32	- 30	- 30	- 25	- 25
33	-100	-104	-104	- 97	- 90	- 76	- 74	- 69	- 74	- 62	- 67	- 58
34	- 78	- 76	- 76	- 74	- 76	- 76	- 71	- 71	- 69	- 69	- 69	- 67
35	21	16	21	23	42	- 49	0	2	0	9	7	16
36	63	65	70	72	101	63	0	2	4	4	6	6
37	146	135	151	164	175	209	179	188	193	213	202	255
38	93	102	107	104	102	95	111	115	117	117	122	117
39	99	105	108	107	108	103	118	125	125	121	130	118
40	108	104	106	108	116	129	131	135	134	143	141	147
41	89	89	95	95	97	103	99	103	105	107	109	116
42	116	108	112	122	133	162	135	141	141	158	147	189
43	146	141	150	159	168	190	174	183	190	206	194	228
44	40	44	44	44	42	40	46	51	55	55	57	57
45	49	51	54	51	51	47	58	60	65	62	65	62
46	76	74	76	82	90	105	99	105	105	113	111	124
47	111	115	113	115	111	111	117	127	132	136	140	136
48	97	93	99	107	116	137	118	126	134	143	134	162
TC1		65		66	66			68	68	68	68	69
TC2		68		68	68			70	70	70	70	69
TC3	76		76			81	79					
TC4	81		76			84	80					

to make sure the equipment is operating as required. The time-temperature-stress experiment began on the morning of 28 June 1965.

The gages were not rebalanced. Therefore, the initial strain on the gages was due to the dead weight of the structure, the roof insulation, and three fans in the equipment room. The previous roof-supporting system had been dismantled and removed from the site when this experiment was made and the ridge members of the roof had been welded at the equipment room connection making the gymnasium structurally complete.

The air conditioning equipment which kept JPL's equipment at a constant temperature failed near the end of the support removal test. This proved to be a handicap during the temperature scan experiment since several times a circuit breaker was opened by the air conditioner circuit which shut off the power to the automatic recording system. This is the reason that the data to be presented has several time gaps. The lack of a controlled temperature environment for the recording system caused the system to drift slightly. This drift has been corrected for in the data reduction procedure.

Dynamic data being taken the same day as this experiment were *interrupted for short periods* of time to permit the strain data to be recorded under static conditions. Gages 36 and 12T were mounted on the laboratory beams. Therefore they should have experienced no change in strain. Gage 35 data was irregular and was judged along with gages 22, 25, 31 and 37 to be faulty.

It can be seen by the strain data of gage 36 that during these two experiments the effect of temperature changes was much larger than the one micro-inch per inch per degree Fahrenheit expected. In order to



determine the source of the disagreement the beam was laboratory tested at various increments of temperature increase above room temperature. With a new weld-on gage applied to replace gage 35, it was found that the apparent strain caused by temperature changes of the gages was as small as could be expected. Placing the beam and 100 feet of cable into the oven produced the same magnitude of apparent strain as experienced in the field test. Therefore, the tabulated JPL results of the experiments must be corrected to account for the apparent strain caused by changes in temperature of the lead cables.

It should be noted that temperature compensation is not required for the Caltech data because the cable lengths were only of the order of 10 feet and that each active gage had an identical dummy gage in the same balance bridge. By noting the apparent strains of 12T it can be seen that the changes with temperature throughout a test are within an acceptable range. It also shows that the strains from one day to the next cannot be directly compared. Table III gives a few readings on different days with the Caltech system. Table IV presents the data taken by JPL. It should be noted that these data have not been adjusted to account for the changes in temperature of the lead cables.

#### D. Horizontal Static Force.

It was thought that a measurement of the structural strains resulting from a known static horizontal force would give information needed to refine the analytical model of the structure. Such an experiment would also give a direct correlation between the member stresses and the dynamic experiments.

A maximum horizontal force component of 10,000 pounds was determined to be appropriate. This force was about three per cent of the

TABLE III  
CALTECH DATA - TEMPERATURE READINGS

Time	June 23		June 28	
	10:12	10:26	3:01	3:16
1T	17	9	53	58
2T	- 71	- 75	- 26	- 23
3T	- 274	- 281	- 268	- 265
4T	846	903	1332	1329
5T	-1257	-1253	-1890	-1890
6T	612	596	540	552
7T	15	11	- 11	- 8
8T	- 174	- 177	733	747
9T	566	572	843	842
10T	593	587	782	784
11T	186	190	174	171
12T	- 86	- 81	- 242	- 242

TABLE IV  
JPL DATA — TEMPERATURE SCAN

Time	9:00	9:30	10:00	12:20	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00
Gage No.										
3	125	148	168	248	252	263	272	282	289	289
4	- 23	- 7	0	- 7	5	11	30	62	85	97
5	-117	-112	-114	-144	-136	-137	-126	-101	- 85	- 71
6	- 7	2	9	81	68	60	42	33	19	0
7	395	408	421	490	495	500	500	517	523	525
8	411	406	401	371	380	385	401	425	449	463
9	234	239	252	330	327	328	326	333	327	322
10	177	184	186	161	180	189	216	249	272	391
11	317	321	327	390	389	397	401	407	415	419
12	162	155	148	137	131	130	137	149	160	167
13	365	362	355	330	332	328	342	368	389	401
14	314	323	334	385	385	385	383	388	294	394
15	411	427	437	495	504	512	525	540	555	560
16	78	84	84	64	73	80	103	137	165	181
17	103	119	137	204	205	206	213	225	228	223
18	- 78	- 69	- 69	- 94	- 90	- 80	- 55	- 21	7	21
19	-152	-145	-136	-145	-139	-134	-116	- 93	- 80	- 71
20	-221	-224	-221	-198	-199	-199	-194	-181	-172	-163
21	-102	-100	- 92	-102	- 95	- 97	- 95	- 83	- 84	- 84
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	216	221	225	248	247	246	258	274	291	293
24	243	248	250	259	265	271	287	310	336	348
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	34	34	30	- 11	- 5	- 2	20	57	87	99
27	890	901	904	929	942	945	977	1011	1043	1063
28	200	212	204	150	165	173	214	265	311	336
29	235	248	259	326	332	336	350	364	367	376
30	210	206	190	103	113	114	146	188	227	248
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	- 14	- 9	- 7	0	0	0	12	37	58	65
33	- 93	- 76	- 60	16	16	25	35	51	58	63
34	- 81	- 74	- 72	- 72	- 67	- 65	- 46	- 21	0	9
35	55	65	76	140	137	138	138	143	144	148
36	145	157	161	153	164	172	206	246	280	299
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	35	40	40	40	53	55	102	146	191	209
39	31	40	42	49	63	65	116	164	209	231
40	115	144	165	240	252	265	293	325	346	369
41	65	77	79	81	90	92	131	175	207	222
42	163	203	224	299	303	319	342	378	349	370
43	128	170	201	318	329	352	394	349	462	491
44	- 4	2	0	- 11	- 4	- 4	37	81	117	132
45	16	20	18	4	11	7	40	82	85	98
46	110	140	160	250	249	265	288	324	335	358
47	61	99	109	128	140	133	185	239	195	201
48	96	129	158	273	274	296	327	353	362	389
TC1	65	68	71	79	82	84	86	86	87	87
TC2	80	83	85	86	87	87	87	87	86	85
TC3	71	76	81	100	104	108	110	112	112	113
TC4	88	95	99	103	104	105	103	107	103	101

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JPL DATA — TEMPERATURE SCAN

Time	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	17:50	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30
Gage No.										
3	300	300	293	294	289	96	239	221	207	173
4	113	124	138	140	136	- 28	104	127	126	122
5	- 57	- 46	- 27	- 28	- 30	-164	- 46	- 35	- 34	- 34
6	5	- 2	- 16	- 19	- 19	-148	- 47	- 77	- 91	-125
7	540	533	533	541	539	404	504	493	482	452
8	469	485	501	511	523	399	509	541	541	546
9	329	322	310	313	309	193	275	259	248	211
10	311	316	334	339	349	193	325	367	359	359
11	425	437	437	449	449	332	425	412	395	365
12	169	176	185	183	192	136	189	202	203	203
13	409	416	430	433	442	362	439	458	459	468
14	400	400	395	408	403	295	375	361	356	330
15	572	577	572	585	576	429	539	530	512	482
16	199	210	224	236	238	118	214	235	235	230
17	234	230	225	226	210	104	166	143	128	96
18	39	48	62	58	64	- 53	30	44	41	37
19	- 71	- 59	- 52	- 50	- 50	-168	- 78	- 66	- 73	- 93
20	-153	-149	-139	-140	-144	-233	-168	-173	-180	-199
21	- 79	- 74	- 74	- 60	- 60	-150	- 79	- 63	- 58	- 86
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	304	309	316	316	312	226	292	290	285	278
24	363	372	379	392	387	293	363	365	369	353
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	121	130	139	147	144	58	113	108	103	116
27	1075	1095	1109	1120	1125	1026	1097	1100	1080	1064
28	363	374	388	398	402	276	365	388	392	394
29	383	399	399	411	409	307	378	364	347	310
30	271	282	298	310	319	222	300	332	343	362
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	73	83	88	92	92	23	76	76	76	64
33	65	69	69	70	51	- 44	9	- 2	- 14	- 51
34	23	30	35	37	39	- 54	14	23	18	14
35	146	152	146	150	141	65	109	88	71	37
36	318	328	345	350	350	264	320	328	319	311
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	226	253	268	280	284	188	254	274	266	261
39	251	273	291	301	305	206	271	286	277	266
40	373	385	383	384	367	260	310	287	261	219
41	242	251	259	262	260	162	219	229	221	206
42	374	376	376	375	349	227	283	258	233	191
43	490	515	512	511	496	358	426	411	370	308
44	150	165	176	183	185	98	153	175	169	169
45	120	125	136	138	138	61	112	135	131	136
46	355	364	359	356	339	251	290	265	238	190
47	224	228	245	262	262	171	223	236	225	209
48	382	401	397	394	381	295	326	296	261	200
TC1	87	87	87	87	86	83	81	82	80	77
TC2	85	85	84	85	84	81	79	80	78	75
TC3	116	116	115	113	112	105	102	97	91	82
TC4	104	98	92	88	85	78	75	74	73	68

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JPL DATA - TEMPERATURE SCAN

Time	20:00	20:30	21:00	21:30	22:00	22:30	23:00	23:30	0:00	0:30
Gage No.										
3	139	109	92	79	62	49	37	28	19	12
4	113	101	87	69	60	48	39	32	23	16
5	- 39	- 46	- 55	- 67	- 69	- 76	- 80	- 87	- 92	- 94
6	-154	-166	-170	-173	-180	-184	-184	-184	-185	-189
7	424	398	382	371	355	341	331	322	316	307
8	544	539	529	520	511	504	496	492	487	480
9	180	159	149	145	134	127	120	117	118	111
10	356	346	332	316	309	298	290	281	275	271
11	336	309	294	283	263	251	241	234	228	219
12	202	199	192	188	181	179	176	169	168	163
13	470	468	460	454	447	442	437	434	429	427
14	299	276	264	256	242	233	223	218	212	208
15	447	419	402	387	368	357	342	333	323	312
16	220	209	192	181	174	165	158	149	142	138
17	62	37	21	18	2	- 9	- 18	- 23	- 28	- 37
18	28	16	5	- 12	- 18	- 28	- 34	- 44	- 46	- 53
19	-125	-146	-162	-176	-187	-198	-207	-216	-224	-231
20	-222	-238	-245	-252	-261	-266	-270	-272	-278	-282
21	-119	-142	-153	-165	-179	-193	-202	-207	-215	-222
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	270	259	251	245	238	229	226	221	215	213
24	341	329	317	304	295	283	274	267	261	254
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	142	147	146	137	133	124	121	112	110	106
27	1043	1022	1006	992	978	965	956	947	944	939
28	395	384	370	352	336	318	303	292	282	268
29	279	259	249	242	229	217	210	205	201	190
30	374	379	374	363	354	347	337	330	322	318
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	42	27	18	9	2	- 5	- 9	- 14	- 21	- 25
33	- 91	-118	-134	-146	-162	-172	-181	-185	-195	-200
34	- 5	- 19	- 30	- 42	- 46	- 53	- 58	- 65	- 65	- 70
35	7	- 14	- 21	- 30	- 39	- 49	- 55	- 55	- 65	- 72
36	293	276	257	240	228	219	208	200	192	188
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	244	227	211	196	184	173	164	153	147	143
39	247	227	206	186	173	162	150	139	133	121
40	170	132	103	82	61	40	25	15	6	- 8
41	188	170	150	134	121	111	100	92	84	80
42	139	103	76	55	34	13	- 2	- 11	- 21	- 38
43	238	193	164	140	111	89	71	60	42	31
44	159	146	130	114	104	93	81	75	71	64
45	130	114	105	89	80	71	65	56	49	45
46	144	105	77	57	36	17	6	- 4	- 17	- 27
47	182	159	139	118	93	72	61	51	49	40
48	130	88	63	48	25	10	- 2	- 8	- 19	- 29
TC1	74	70	68	66	64	62	61	60	59	58
TC2	74	71	69	67	65	64	62	61	60	59
TC3	69	63	60	59	57	55	54	54	53	52
TC4	65	63	61	59	58	56	55	55	54	53

TABLE IV (Continued)  
JPL DATA - TEMPERATURE SCAN

39.

Time	1:00	2:00	3:00	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
Gage No.										
3	9	- 2	5	86	124	146	164	196	233	254
4	14	5	- 7	- 12	2	23	41	51	64	78
5	-101	-103	-110	- 99	-101	- 94	- 82	- 87	- 87	- 83
6	-183	-182	-175	- 19	- 9	- 14	- 12	2	16	16
7	305	297	292	365	388	402	415	439	473	490
8	479	470	464	429	415	416	420	423	422	427
9	113	113	115	224	239	239	245	267	296	306
10	267	259	249	199	202	217	230	237	246	256
11	217	212	207	288	305	313	310	331	358	375
12	163	160	155	158	144	139	132	128	128	128
13	425	419	414	406	392	393	399	393	388	386
14	206	200	200	282	298	299	310	326	346	361
15	314	299	292	376	397	409	424	451	486	506
16	136	126	119	76	75	89	103	107	119	128
17	- 35	- 39	- 41	81	108	113	126	147	177	193
18	- 55	- 62	- 71	- 78	- 69	- 55	- 41	- 39	- 32	- 21
19	-231	-237	-237	194	-175	-162	-148	-139	-123	-109
20	-281	-284	-285	-234	-237	-236	-228	-226	-217	-201
21	-222	-230	-230	-173	-151	-146	-137	-130	-111	-116
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	213	205	205	227	223	224	232	240	251	258
24	254	244	239	226	234	237	248	257	273	285
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	104	96	91	34	32	43	53	59	66	71
27	936	921	915	934	929	949	965	986	1004	1024
28	262	245	233	158	178	194	207	221	239	251
29	192	185	184	254	258	256	269	288	315	334
30	311	301	293	203	190	188	185	183	183	183
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	- 23	- 30	- 30	- 28	- 25	- 18	- 9	0	11	21
33	-200	-207	-206	-116	- 95	- 86	- 62	- 44	- 12	7
34	- 72	- 74	- 79	- 86	- 83	- 74	- 60	- 53	- 46	- 35
35	- 67	- 72	- 69	14	20	23	35	53	78	88
36	184	173	166	137	151	170	189	204	218	236
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	136	127	118	31	33	62	71	86	100	120
39	117	108	96	9	27	58	74	99	116	143
40	- 11	- 23	- 29	42	98	124	167	201	249	283
41	74	65	58	50	69	94	115	136	152	167
42	- 40	- 53	- 57	80	142	168	218	256	306	323
43	25	9	2	60	117	164	219	271	325	368
44	62	51	46	- 2	9	24	37	51	61	75
45	40	33	27	- 11	- 2	11	24	33	42	56
46	- 27	- 40	- 42	36	79	104	142	175	219	249
47	38	34	36	- 19	25	65	91	120	145	190
48	- 27	- 38	- 38	57	96	127	175	215	265	299
TC1	58	56	55	58	62	64	67	70	73	76
TC2	58	57	56	62	69	74	79	81	84	85
TC3	52	52	53	69	73	77	88	89	95	101
TC4	53	53	53	80	90	92	100	103	106	107

weight of the structure and there was some concern that a larger force might produce local yielding at the load application point of the structure.

The force was applied with the hydraulic winch of a tank recovery vehicle through a 5/8-inch diameter steel rope. This vehicle and the steel rope can be seen in Fig. 5. The connection to the structure was made by placing a steel choker rope around a horizontal steel beam temporarily spanning between two vertical truss members at the north major axis four inches above the concrete floor of the equipment room. The load cell and a hydraulic cylinder were connected between the end of the 5/8-inch diameter steel rope and the winch cable.

The loading system was able to maintain the applied load within a decrease of about 200 pounds during the time required to obtain a data scan. The applied force was not exactly in a horizontal direction. The components of the measured force are: horizontal components of 0.993 in the northerly direction and 0.017 in the easterly direction, and the vertical component of 0.133 in the downward direction.

The only problem of consequence encountered during this experiment was caused by the tendency of the steel rope to unwind as the tension in the rope increased. Since the least resistance to the rotation of the cable occurred at the end of the winch cable, the load cell and the hydraulic cylinder were rotated with the steel rope. This in itself is not a problem, but the electrical wire connecting the load cell to the recorder also wraps around the steel rope and in one instance became jammed between the load cell and hydraulic cylinder causing the bolt connection to loosen and finally causing the loosened bolt to cut the electrical wire. After repairing

Time	July 10												
	9:00	9:15	10:35	10:37	10:46	10:57	11:15	11:20	1:45	1:53	2:00	2:06	
1T	383	388	400	405	403	400	401	401	409	403	403	403	403
2T	548	545	559	562	560	560	562	565	555	550	548	548	548
3T	- 409	- 400	- 381	- 377	- 379	- 379	- 375	- 375	- 379	- 381	- 381	- 385	- 385
4T	3406	3406	3395	3395	3395	3393	3400	3400	3409	3400	3406	3400	3400
5T	-4380	-4420	-4415	-4425	-4430	-4406	-4430	-4430	-4460	-4450	-4470	-4460	-4460
6T	558	554	558	562	530	562	568	568	577	573	573	575	575
7T	- 396	- 400	-405	- 405	- 411	- 409	- 413	- 415	- 433	- 437	- 431	- 431	- 431
8T	3226	3140	3545	3850	3980	4140	4300	4330	5440	5440	5470	5450	5450
9T	1827	1820	1823	1823	1827	1828	1831	1835	1849	1849	1840	1845	1845
10T	1417	1425	1468	1468	1472	1475	1482	1483	1487	1497	1497	1494	1494
11T	184	180	150	150	146	142	140	144	142	146	142	142	142
12T	-1580	-1582	-1590	-1586	-1588	-1592	-1590	-1593	-1601	-1598	-1602	-1602	-1602
Force	0	601	3733	3507	4100	4551	4591	4591	201	2153	5262	5262	5262

TABLE V  
CALTECH DATA - HORIZONTAL STATIC FORCE



Time	July 10											
	2:15	2:25	3:06	3:17	3:24	3:37	3:47	3:52	3:58	4:07	4:15	
1T	403	407	403	398	407	401	401	405	403	407	401	
2T	545	544	544	540	541	539	541	540	536	539	539	
3T	- 385	- 385	- 390	- 388	- 388	- 388	- 390	- 390	- 390	- 390	- 394	
4T	3400	3406	3406	3400	3400	3400	3406	3406	3400	3406	3400	
5T	-4470	-4470	-4460	-4460	-4470	-4490	-4490	-4485	-4470	-4470	-4470	
6T	577	573	581	575	579	575	575	585	581	573	573	
7T	- 431	- 437	- 440	- 439	- 435	- 437	- 445	- 437	- 437	- 443	- 445	
8T	5485	5490	5500	5500	5520	5540	5565	5565	5575	5590	5600	
9T	1843	1856	1858	1858	1858	1854	1863	1863	1863	1870	1872	
10T	1492	1497	1500	1494	1490	1492	1497	1492	1490	1492	1492	
11T	140	146	154	152	148	152	157	154	154	156	157	
12T	-1602	-1602	-1602	-1602	-1600	-1605	-1605	-1605	-1602	-1602	-1602	
Force	5993	7315	0	5121	7556	6748	2580	6754	8101	1260	20	

TABLE V (Continued)  
CALTECH DATA - HORIZONTAL STATIC FORCE

TABLE VI  
JPL DATA — HORIZONTAL FORCE

Time	9:10	10:21	10:41	10:43	10:54	11:04	11:20	13:50	13:58	14:05	14:12
Force	0	601	3733	3507	4100	4551	4591	201	2153	5262	5993
Page No.											
3	5	74	85	88	99	103	126	210	218	213	208
4	2	19	30	26	32	42	46	91	100	105	111
5	2	5	16	9	14	23	25	39	46	51	53
6	2	49	55	56	63	65	76	135	130	121	118
7	0	53	55	58	64	67	83	162	169	166	171
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	5	58	62	60	67	69	85	168	171	159	159
10	- 2	5	12	5	9	16	18	37	44	56	60
11	2	55	66	64	69	80	87	161	166	168	172
12	- 7	- 18	- 23	- 25	- 25	- 25	- 32	- 39	- 35	- 25	- 23
13	0	- 18	- 18	- 11	- 18	- 11	- 11	- 30	- 21	- 23	- 9
14	0	25	34	37	44	48	64	116	118	116	115
15	5	66	73	76	85	87	103	181	193	190	195
16	0	- 7	- 2	- 7	- 5	0	0	23	32	44	46
17	7	82	91	96	105	105	125	204	212	202	202
18	5	25	32	27	34	43	46	62	71	78	82
19	2	52	63	59	66	72	72	100	110	107	111
20	5	27	30	25	32	32	41	73	78	78	80
21	0	48	53	53	60	57	66	92	97	92	94
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	0	9	18	14	18	23	23	51	58	62	64
24	0	2	7	7	14	14	23	53	62	64	73
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	0	9	14	9	11	20	20	18	23	32	32
27	0	- 14	- 9	- 9	- 7	- 2	2	46	58	69	76
28	2	14	16	14	18	20	23	43	57	66	73
29	5	30	30	28	34	37	44	125	132	131	138
30	- 2	- 23	- 25	- 32	- 32	- 30	- 34	- 69	- 60	- 50	- 46
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	0	5	11	7	14	18	23	53	57	57	83
33	2	67	78	78	85	92	103	196	196	198	60
34	0	9	16	12	16	23	25	46	51	58	198
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	- 2	- 13	4	- 4	9	11	18	60	76	93	100
39	- 2	- 7	18	13	25	33	38	94	112	128	132
40	8	103	126	126	139	151	168	291	302	299	301
41	2	40	50	46	55	65	76	106	116	123	131
42	17	166	178	180	182	207	228	317	326	317	323
43	13	118	140	140	153	177	200	344	362	364	370
44	4	7	18	13	20	26	29	49	60	71	75
45	2	13	27	20	27	31	38	54	65	74	78
46	4	88	105	109	118	132	147	263	270	270	271
47	6	40	60	56	64	75	85	142	163	177	185
48	8	96	112	117	123	139	162	297	306	303	309
TC1	59	63	65	64	66	66	68	83	83	83	84
TC2	60	63	66	66	66	67	69	82	82	83	83
TC3	71	82	84	84	85	87	91	112	113	114	114
TC4	69	97	100	100	102	103	108	112	110	108	106

TABLE VI (Continued)

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## JPL DATA - HORIZONTAL FORCE

Time	14:18	15:10	15:24	15:29	15:43	15:53	15:58	16:04	16:13	16:21
Force	7315	0	5121	7556	6748	2580	6754	8101	1260	20
Gage No.										
3	215	208	219	215	206	210	203	205	205	205
4	114	130	134	137	139	139	137	139	139	139
5	55	69	76	78	83	83	85	88	85	85
6	118	97	95	90	79	93	88	79	86	90
7	175	178	180	180	176	180	173	175	175	175
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	157	157	149	145	141	145	133	131	140	140
10	63	88	90	93	98	102	97	102	106	107
11	176	179	192	192	181	187	179	192	194	192
12	- 16	0	2	5	9	12	12	14	14	16
13	- 9	- 7	7	- 2	16	2	0	9	5	5
14	120	120	124	125	116	124	122	120	124	124
15	202	206	206	208	207	206	204	203	203	203
16	53	80	89	90	97	96	99	103	105	105
17	204	199	197	195	186	185	183	181	185	183
18	87	103	112	112	115	117	114	117	119	117
19	114	127	122	118	123	122	116	122	122	123
20	80	92	87	87	87	91	87	87	94	96
21	83	106	101	99	97	106	97	94	108	106
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	198	71	76	78	78	78	76	80	76	76
24	64	87	101	96	101	94	96	105	103	98
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	41	50	57	57	62	62	59	66	59	64
27	78	94	103	106	111	113	115	119	117	117
28	75	105	121	123	126	128	128	132	130	130
29	138	145	149	152	150	149	147	149	149	142
30	- 41	- 16	- 2	2	7	5	9	14	11	14
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	62	69	66	66	67	69	64	66	71	71
33	198	200	200	198	194	198	191	188	193	188
34	64	81	83	83	85	87	85	90	90	92
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	104	133	139	144	151	157	155	164	168	168
39	137	168	174	177	184	185	186	192	192	194
40	303	315	315	311	312	306	305	302	304	300
41	135	150	154	156	158	160	156	158	158	160
42	325	325	327	319	317	312	310	301	304	299
43	374	387	391	392	393	389	383	382	387	384
44	79	99	108	112	113	114	112	114	114	117
45	82	102	109	111	114	116	114	116	116	116
46	275	284	283	278	280	275	273	271	273	269
47	198	225	231	235	236	235	233	235	235	237
48	313	319	319	315	320	314	311	306	312	312
TC1	84	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86
TC2	83	83	84	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
TC3	115	114	113	114	113	113	112	112	111	112
TC4	106	101	101	100	97	95	94	93	92	90

the electrical wire, precautions were taken to make sure that the electrical wire wrapped only around the steel rope.

The results obtained from this experiment follow in Tables V and VI. It should be noted that the strain gage circuits monitored by JPL had been rebalanced before running this experiment.

## DYNAMIC INVESTIGATION

It has been the good fortune of the writer that much effort has previously been made by the faculty and students at the California Institute of Technology to establish a dynamic measurement system for the dynamic response of full-scale civil engineering structures. The system used in this investigation has been used for many full-scale and reduced scale studies of the dynamic response of structures such as earth dams and buildings. The measurement system consists of the transducers, the amplifiers, and the recorder. In the following, the elements of the instrumentation system will be discussed in that order.

### Instrumentation

The accelerometers used were Statham  $\pm 2g$  accelerometers, type A5-2-350, serial numbers 12133, 12134, 11181, 11182 and 12122. These accelerometers have an undamped natural frequency of 100 cps with a liquid damping of  $0.7 \pm 0.1$  fraction of critical damping and, therefore, are effectively linear at least up to 30 cps. The accelerometers were not frequency calibrated by the writer absolutely, but were cross calibrated in the frequency range used with a maximum disagreement of about 2 per cent. The static  $\pm 1g$  method of calibration by rotating the transducer through  $\pm 90$  degrees was used before and after each test.

An attempt to use a JPL balanced strain gage bridge as a transducer to give the dynamic strain was made without significant results because the strains were too low.

A Sanborn dual channel carrier-amplifier recorder Model No. 321-406368 was used to record man-excited free vibrations of the structure. The man-excited vibration was large enough to determine the lowest natural frequency of the structure in the two major directions and to estimate the amount of damping in the structure at small vibrations. The results obtained on 24 June 1965 were: in the North-South direction,  $f_n = 3.50$  cps, damping of 1.29% at a deflection of 0.0007 inches and in the East-West direction,  $f_n = 2.44$  cps, damping of 0.55% at a deflection of 0.0029 inches. Figure 15 shows an example of the type of response recorded from man-excited vibrations.

The system used for a majority of the experimental work was originally used for testing a reinforced concrete reservoir intake tower. Because of the low amplifier noise generation, it was also used with more sensitive accelerometers for dynamic testing of earth dams. This system consisted of the William Miller Type C-3 carrier-amplifiers with a light beam galvanometer recording oscillograph. The amplifier provides a 3000 cps carrier bridge excitation adjustable up to 10 volts. The accelerometers were balanced very easily with this amplifier with the exception of the accelerometers placed in a vertical position with a cable length of more than 150 feet. A slight modification of the balancing circuit of the amplifier satisfactorily extended the balance range. Six carrier-amplifiers with one power supply were in one unit, which was

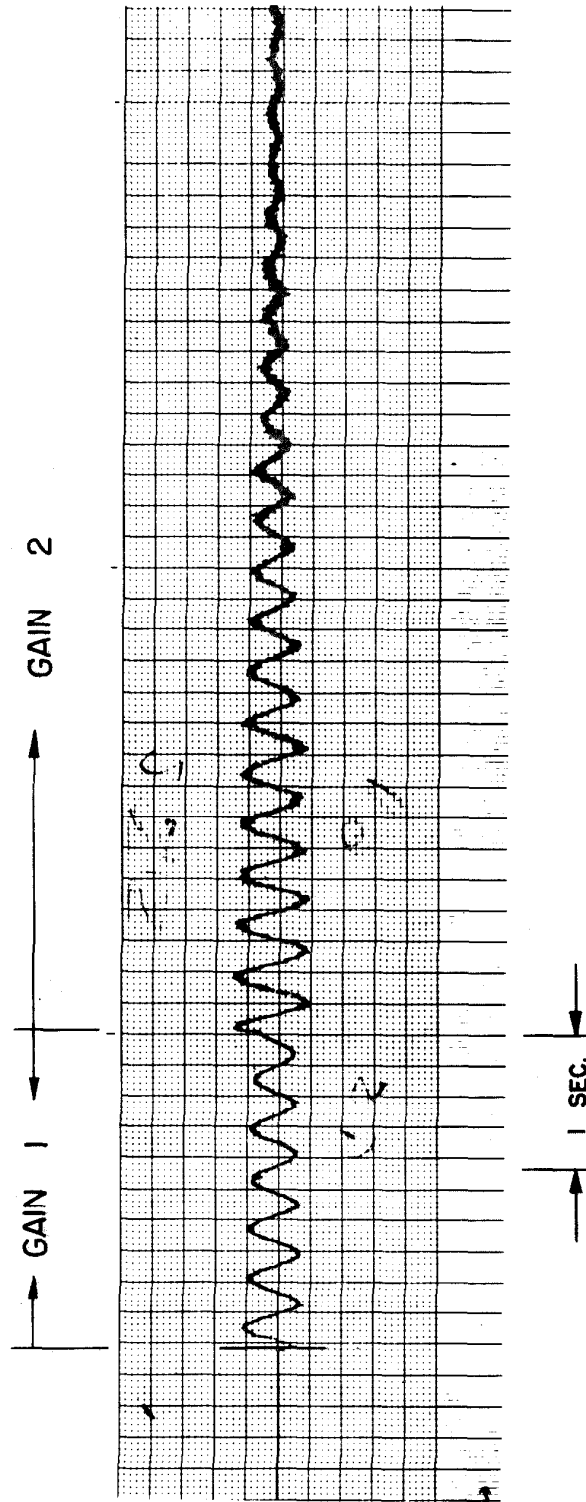


Fig. 15. Man-excited vibration.

sufficient for this experiment. The amplifiers were remarkably stable for long periods of time.

The Minneapolis-Honeywell Visicorder recording oscillograph is a light beam galvanometer type which records on light-sensitive paper. Four type M40-120A galvanometers, 40 cps natural frequency, were used for most of the data recording with two type M100-120A galvanometers, 100 cps natural frequency, used for one data channel and for an analysis of the ambient vibration.

Ideally, the maximum reading error of the oscillograph records was  $\pm 0.1$  line in 10 lines or  $\pm 1$  per cent of the reading. However, the ambient high frequency components superimposed on the forced vibration frequency record increased the possible error in certain instances. Several examples of typical acceleration records are given in Figs. 16 and 17. Figure 16 shows the condition when the high frequency signal can cause relatively large reading errors and Fig. 17 shows the condition where this signal is easily eliminated by eye. The single amplitude ambient acceleration will be indicated on the figures of the frequency response curves for the structure.

#### Force Generator System

The mechanical force generator<sup>\*</sup> consists of a pair of counter-rotating eccentric counter-balanced baskets located on a common vertical shaft and driven in opposite directions by a chain drive system. When the baskets have equally distributed additional weights, a rectilinear sinusoidally varying horizontal inertia force is generated. The direction of the

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<sup>\*</sup>Hudson, D.E., "Synchronized Vibration Generators for Dynamic Tests of Full-Scale Structures," Earthquake Engineering Research Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, November 1962.

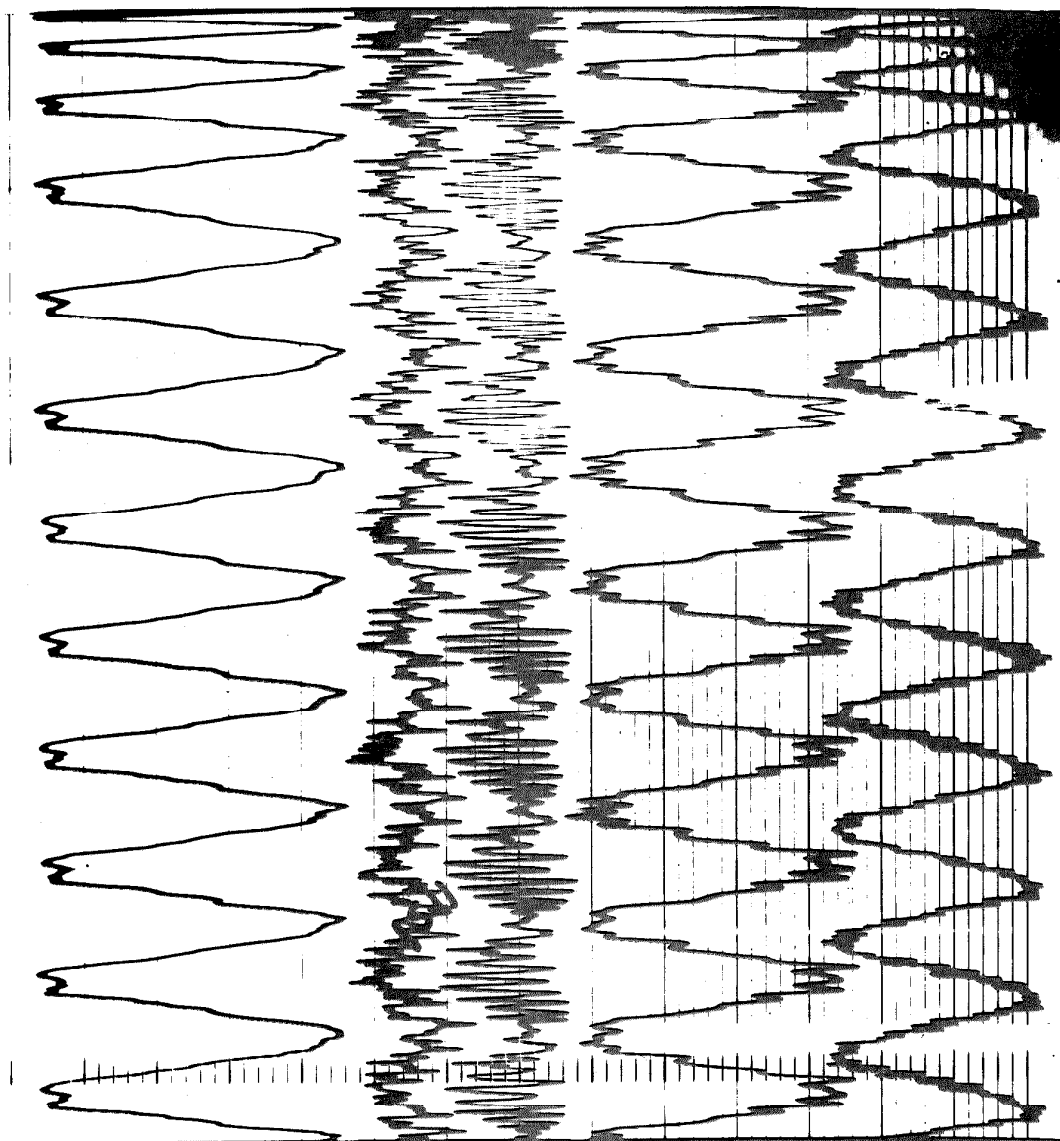


Fig. 16. Typical acceleration record.



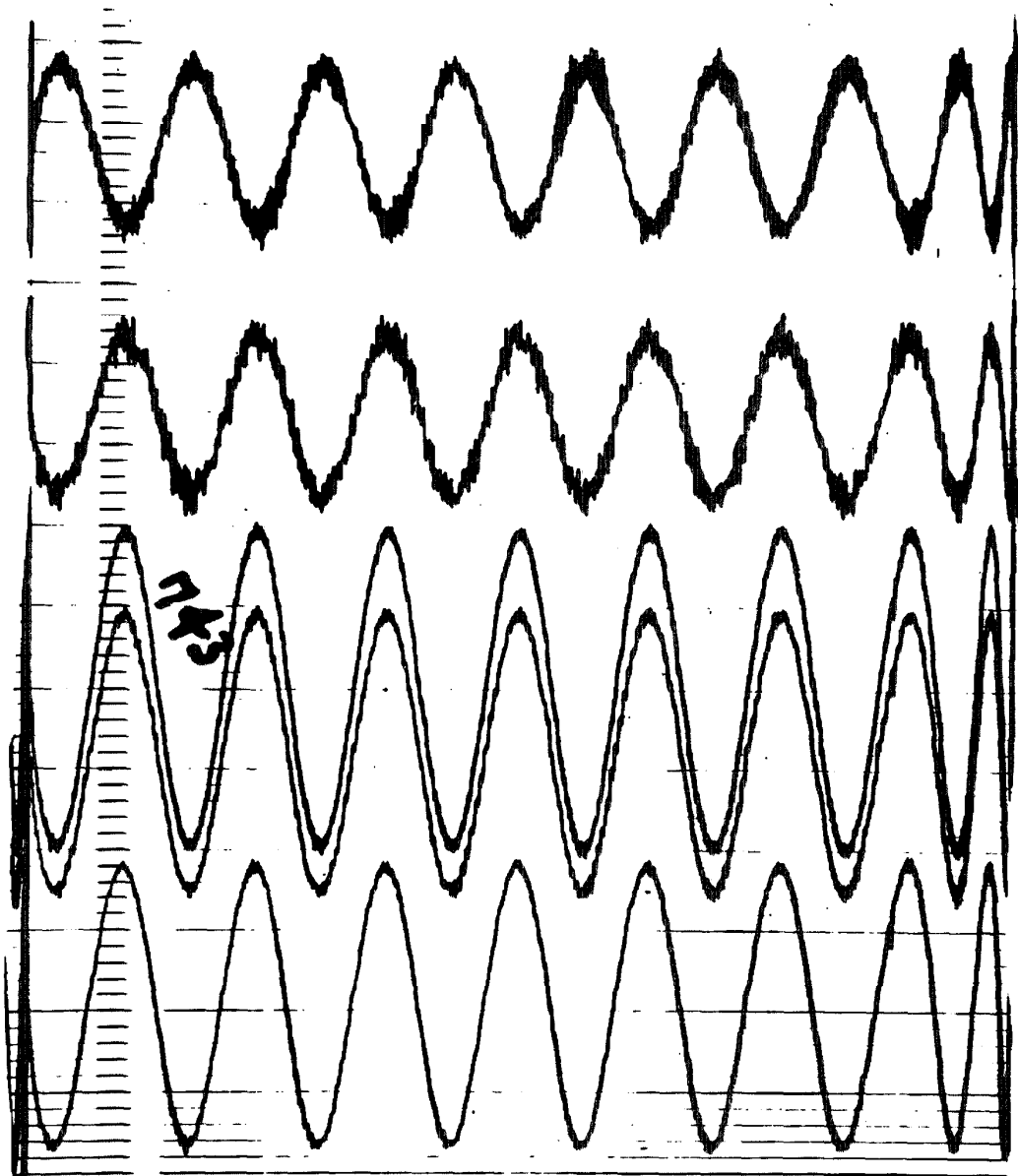


Fig. 17. Typical acceleration record.

sinusoidal force is not limited by the mounting position of the force generator. The weights for usual full-scale structural testing have been made of lead, but for the work reported here, steel weights have also been used.

The force amplitude generated is

$$\text{Inertia force (pounds)} = F_o = 0.102 WRf^2$$

where  $W$  is the weight added to the baskets in pounds,  $R$  is the distance from the centroid of the weights to the axis of rotation in inches, and  $f$  is the excitation frequency in cps. Using only the small-size weight, the equation reduces to

$$F_o = Bf^2$$

where

$$B = 1.02W$$

because  $R \approx 10$  inches.  $W$  is the total weight added to both baskets. The maximum value of  $F_o$  is 5000 pounds per generator which is the limit based on the mechanical strength of the generators. The force generator was connected to the structure at the concrete slab level of the equipment room with the axis of the baskets located on the centerline of the gymnasium (Fig. 18).

The chain-drive system is driven by a 1-1/2 horsepower D. C. motor through a timing belt which has a 3:1 speed reduction. The drive motor and the tachometer assembly can be disconnected from the generator for easier handling, transportation and installation. A tachometer which gives 100 pulses per revolution was connected to the motor drive system.

The output of this tachometer (300 pulses per basket revolution) was monitored with a Berkeley Digital Counter. The stability of the system

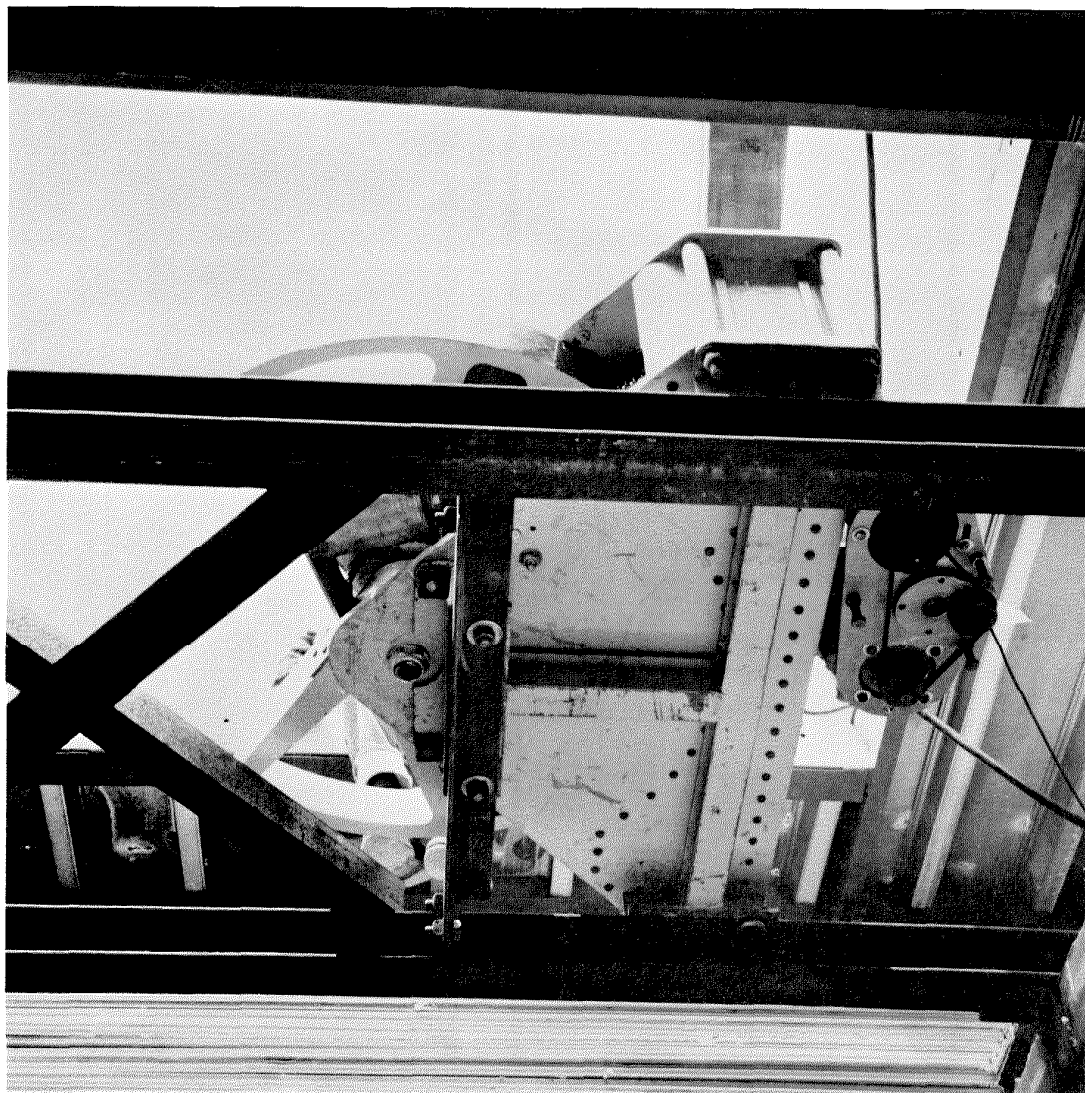


Figure 18. Force generator.

was such that the speed of the generator could be controlled to within  $\pm 1$  count.

The source of the ambient high frequency signal was suspected to be the Broadway Power Plant of the Pasadena Light & Power Company which is located west of Blair High School just across the Pasadena Freeway. After completing the dynamic study, a check of the ambient accelerations was made using the 100 cps galvanometers. It was determined that the amplitude of the signal varied from time to time with peaks as large as five times the usual amplitudes.

The single amplitude acceleration results of this study are as follows:

Location	Horizontal	Vertical	Comment
On ground at center of Power Plant	0.00072	0.0050	60 cps only (Fig. 19)
On ground at south edge of Power Plant	0.0002	0.00028	30, 60, 100
On ground east of Blair Gymnasium	0.00027	0.00011	"
At lower level of equipment room	0.00131	0.00318	"
At concrete level of equipment room	0.0002	0.00103	(See Figs. 16 and 17)
At upper level of equipment room	0.00148	0.00486	"
Four feet below ridge peak at (20)	0.0030	0.0041	"

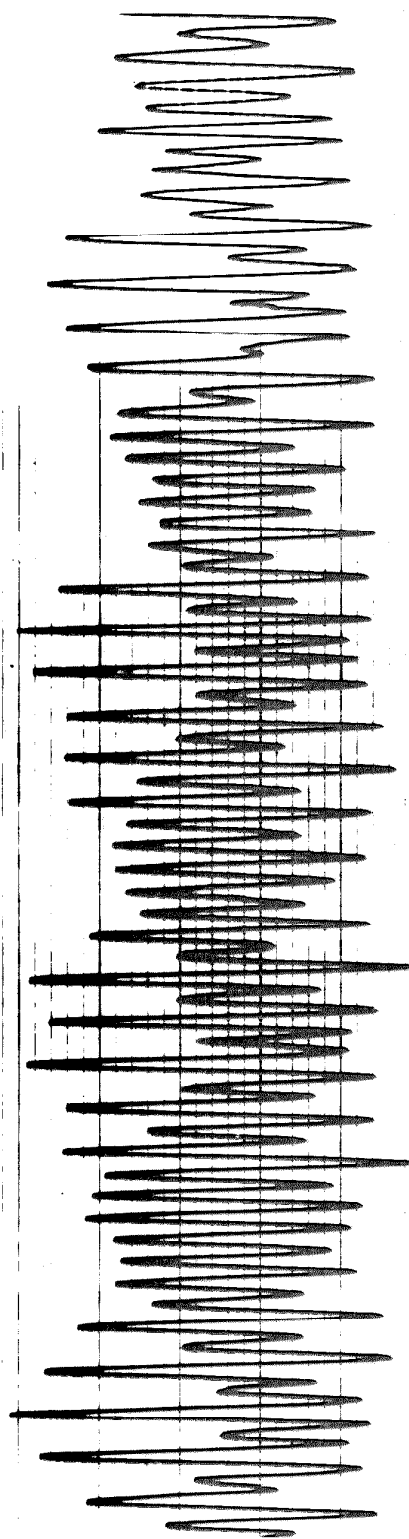




Fig. 19. Ambient acceleration.

The data obtained in the forced vibration studies contained this ambient acceleration because the 40 cps galvanometer was not very effective in filtering a 60 cps signal. The higher frequency signal was averaged out of the data by eye without excessive difficulty in most cases. In the following figures the single amplitude ambient acceleration contained in the data is indicated by the vertical line "I". It should be noted that this does not indicate an error (see Figs. 16 and 17).

The symbols N, S, E, or W in the following figures identify the accelerometer locations as being one foot from the North, South, East or West edge of the equipment room concrete slab on an axis of symmetry. Figure 1 shows these locations and that the North truss crosses the equipment room from  to .

#### Results of Dynamic Tests

Figures 20 and 21 show the frequency response of the gymnasium to excitation in the North-South direction. It should be noted that the response associated with lower natural frequency is a combination of horizontal and vertical motion and that the higher natural frequency mode is predominantly vertical motion at the ends of the equipment room. The vertical motion at the south end was 180 degrees out of phase with the vertical motion at the north end in all tests. The damping calculated by the band width at the half power point of curve (4), Fig. 20, is 1.03 per cent of critical. Figure 22 gives the horizontal response in the East-West direction and Fig. 23 gives both vertical and horizontal response in the East-West direction. The vertical motion at the East and West positions also were 180 degrees out of phase for all tests. The damping calculated by the band width at the half power point of curves (3), Fig. 22, is 1.32 per cent

of critical. Figure 24 compares the response curves at the same force levels at various days throughout the testing sequence. It should be noted that weight of the structure did not change appreciably from 25 June until the dynamic studies were completed. The material to be included in the weight of the structure for the dynamic tests are: the steel of the structural system, three fans located at the lower level of the equipment room, the aluminum access stairway to the equipment room, the roof insulation stored in bundles, the sheet rock for the partition walls in the equipment room, and the lathing frame for the parapet wall.

Response at the exterior edge of the structure was not obtained because the ambient acceleration was fifteen times that on the concrete slab in the horizontal direction. Since the existence of the ambient signal was not known until after the forced dynamic studies had begun, there was not sufficient time to establish an alternate recording system to filter the ambient acceleration.

The basic mode shape for the structure in the North-South and East-West directions is given in Fig. 25. Only the proportion of the vertical and horizontal components change for the various natural frequencies. The steel stairway was supported on small metal tubes at the bottom during the dynamic studies to prevent a horizontal force existing at this position. However, the nonsymmetry of the stairway relative to the structure was expected to cause a nonsymmetrical response of the structure. This was observed by comparing the response of the N and S vertical accelerations.

Figure 26 shows the oscillogram of a test in which the frequency was constantly decreased from 7 cps to 0 cps with excitation in the

the North-South direction and  $B = 43.45$  . The data channels from left to right are: W horizontal, E horizontal, S vertical, N vertical, and North Truss horizontal. Note the beats and the differences between horizontal and vertical accelerations at various excitation frequencies.



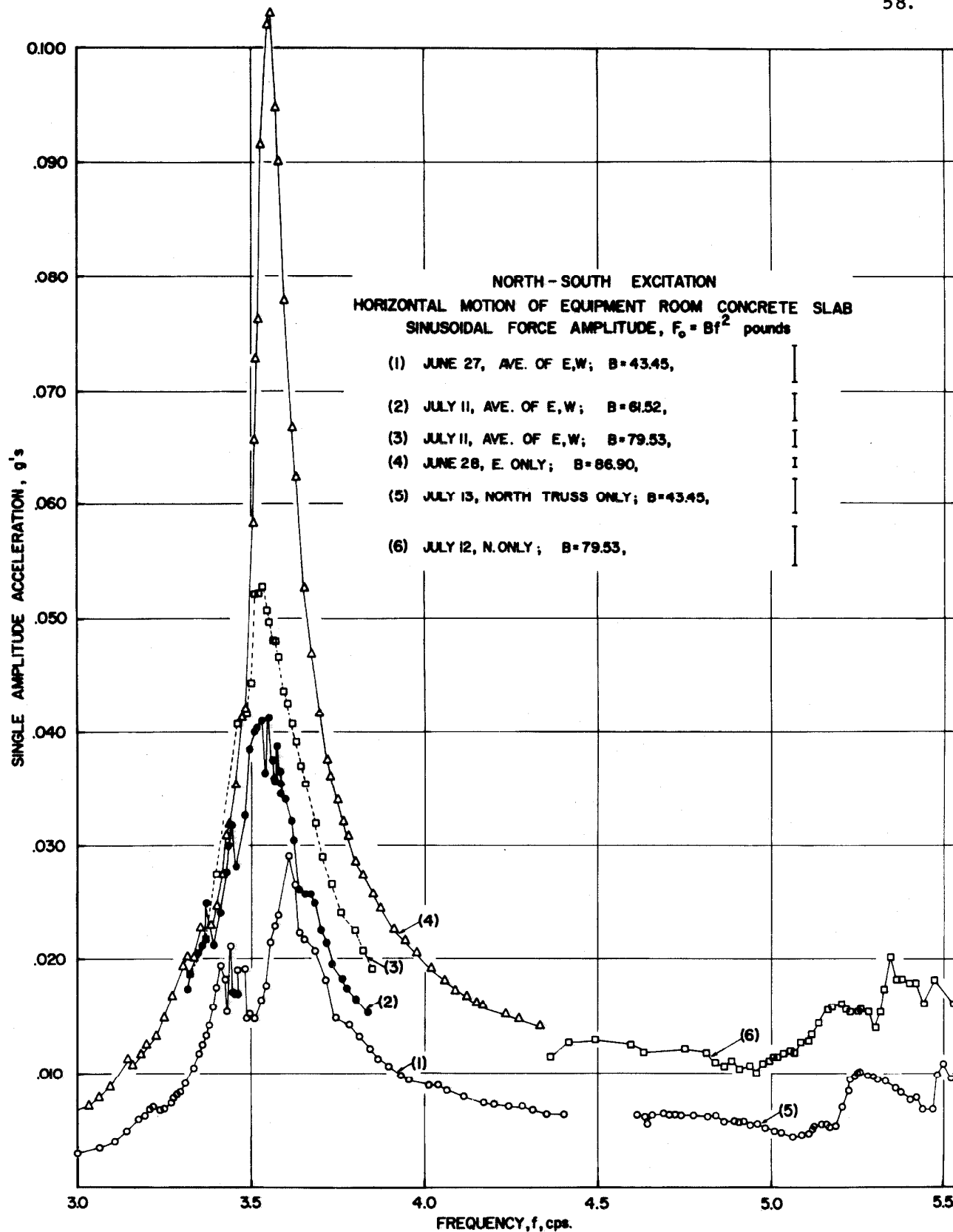


Fig. 20. Frequency response of gymnasium.

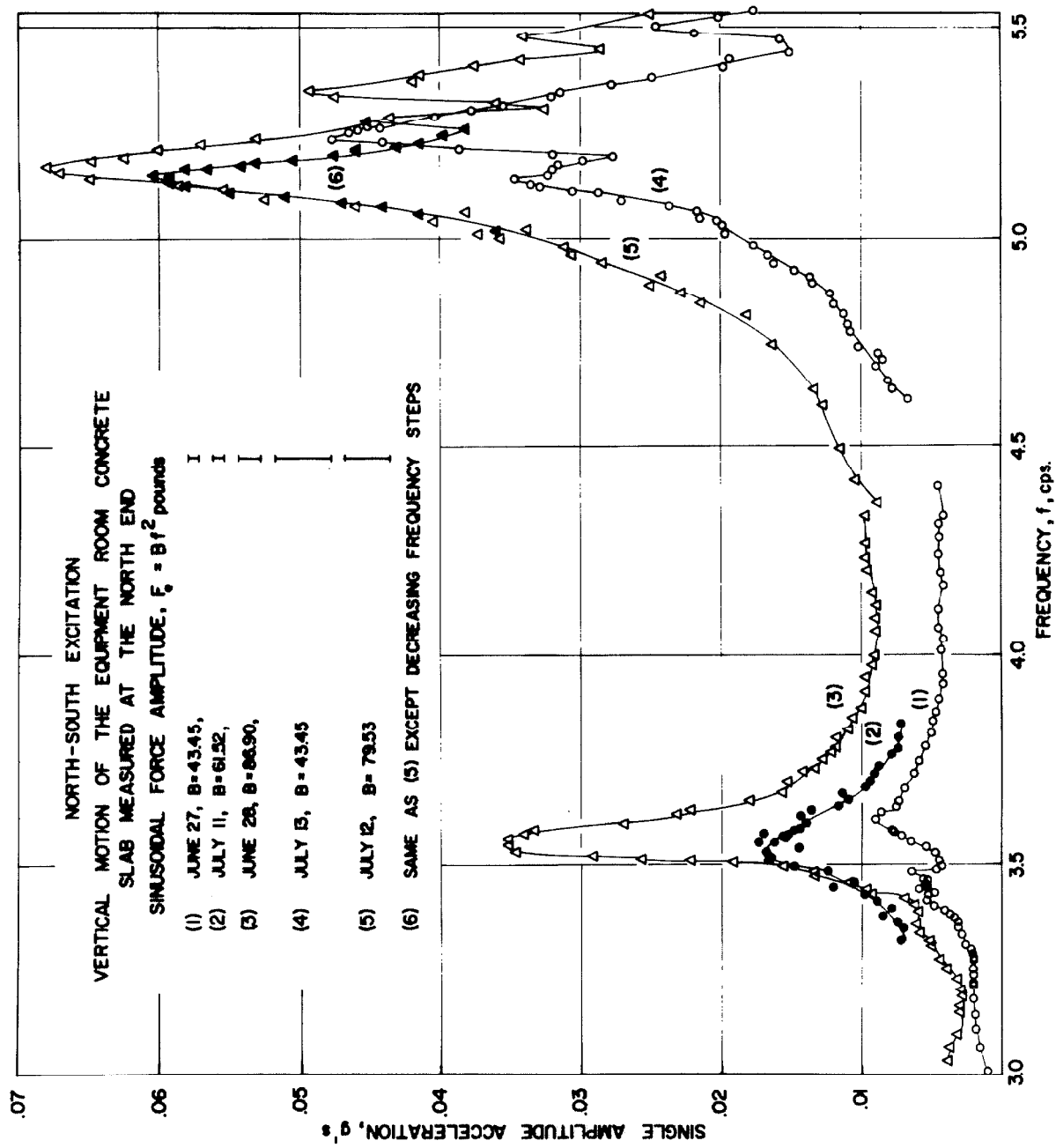


Fig. 21. Frequency response of gymnasium.

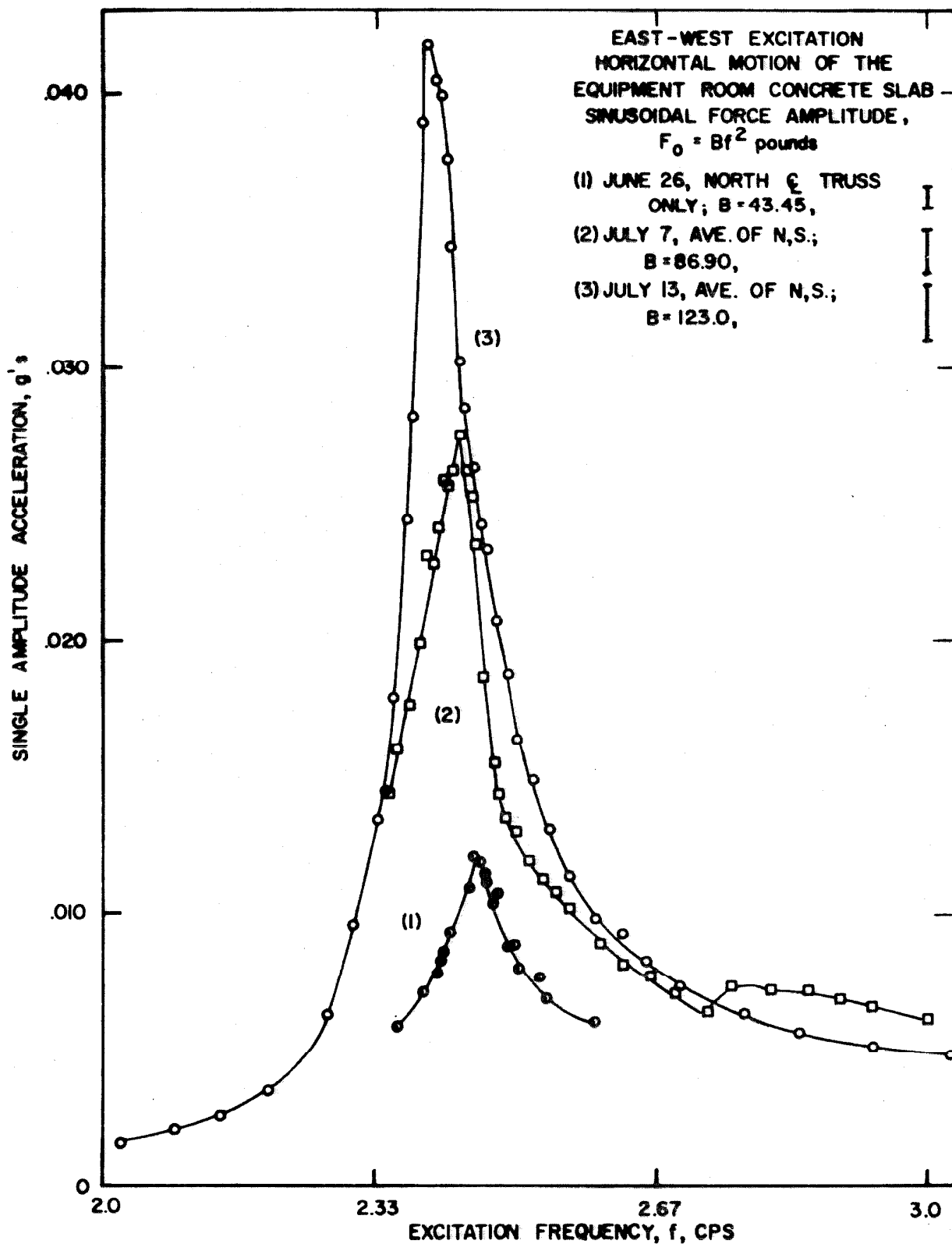


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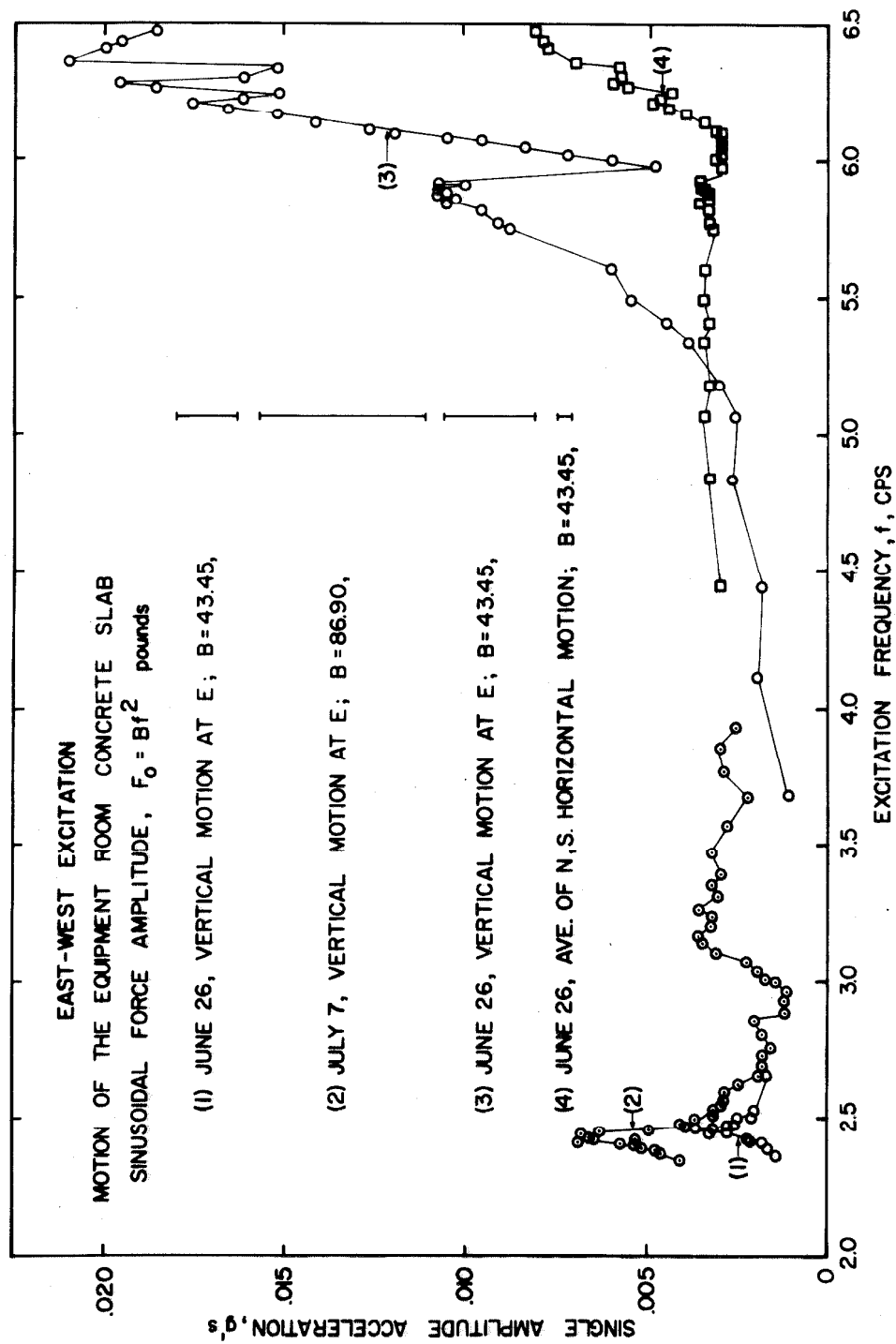


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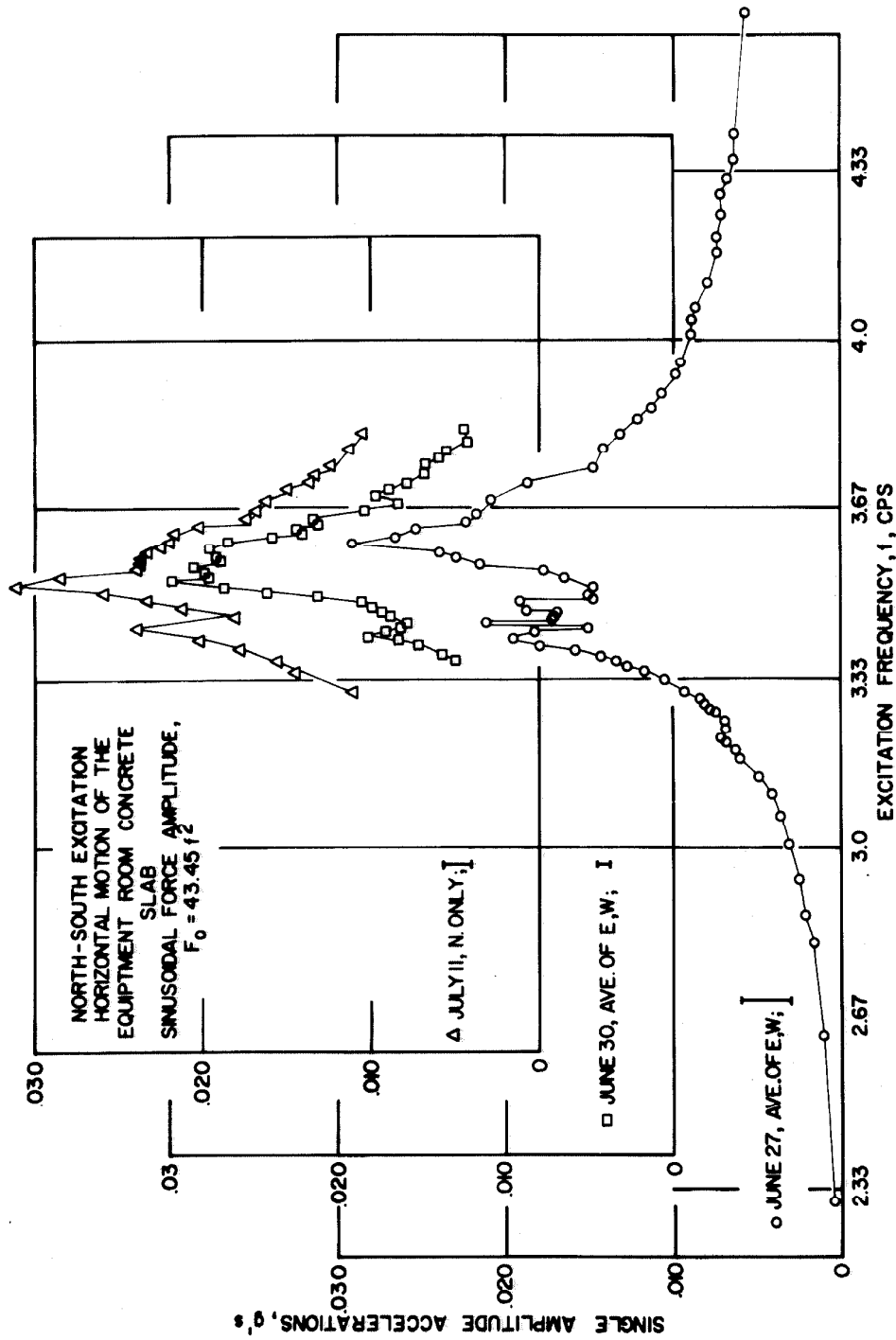


Fig. 24. Frequency response of gymnasium.

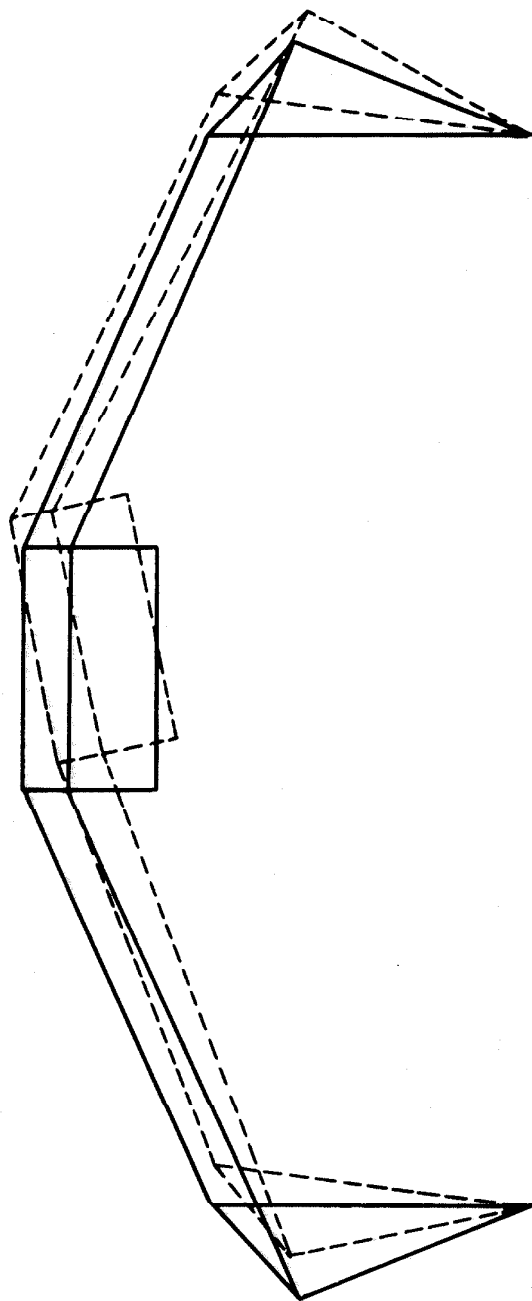


Fig. 25. Basic mode shape of structure.

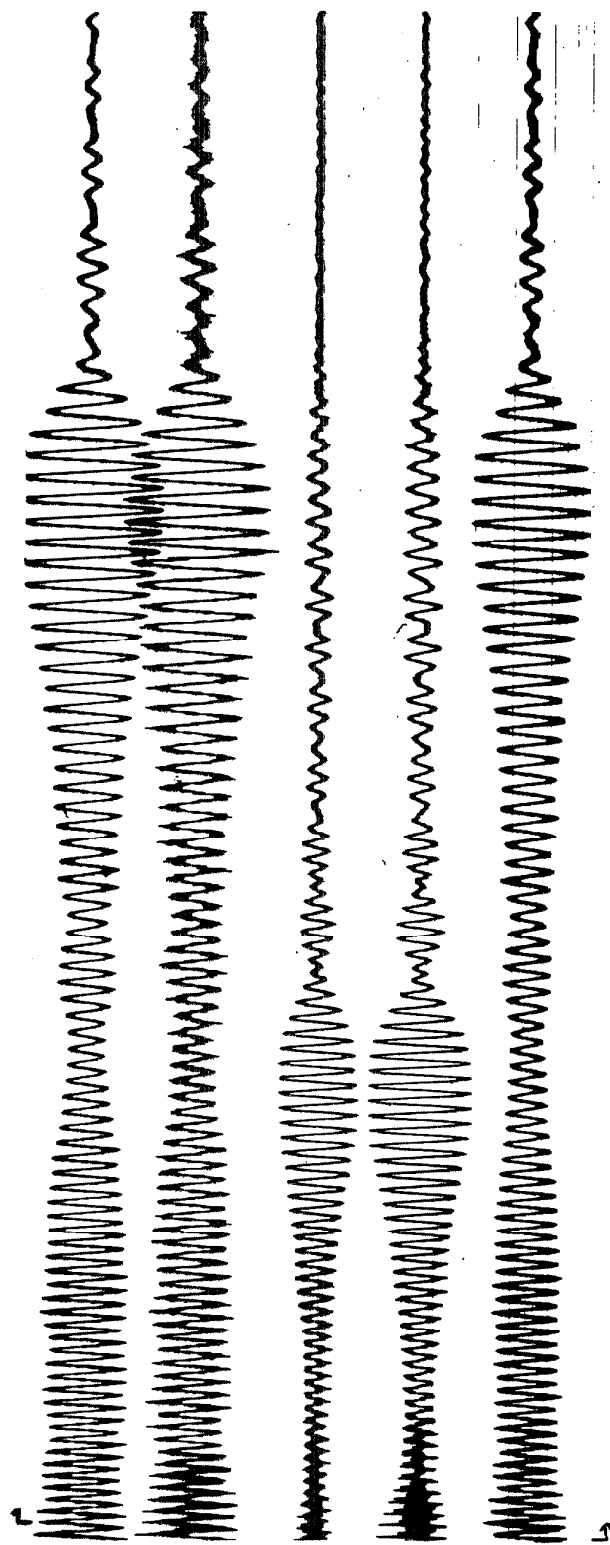


Fig. 26. Response to decreasing frequency.